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KEN SHANNON

I USED TO THINK PLAYING NURSEMAID TO ECCENTRIC MILLIONAIRES WAS KID-STUFF...THE SORT OF THING A TWO-FISTED PRIVATE EYE WOULD LEAVE TO A TWO-BIT MAIL-ORDER FLATFOOT! BUT THAT NIGHT AT THE HENDRICKS' MANSION TAUGHT ME THAT WHERE THERE IS MONEY, THERE'S MURDER, ESPECIALLY WHEN MR. MOOLA ASSIGNS YOU THE CASE WITH ONE TERRIFIED SENTENCE...

DON'T LET THEM KILL ME!



BATCHER

It was so easy for him to retire wealthy! All he had to do was **KILL!**



LANA CABLE

She was an angel of mercy, but her idea of heaven was four million bucks!



ARTHUR STAGLER

He had drawn up the will, but the old man didn't die fast enough!



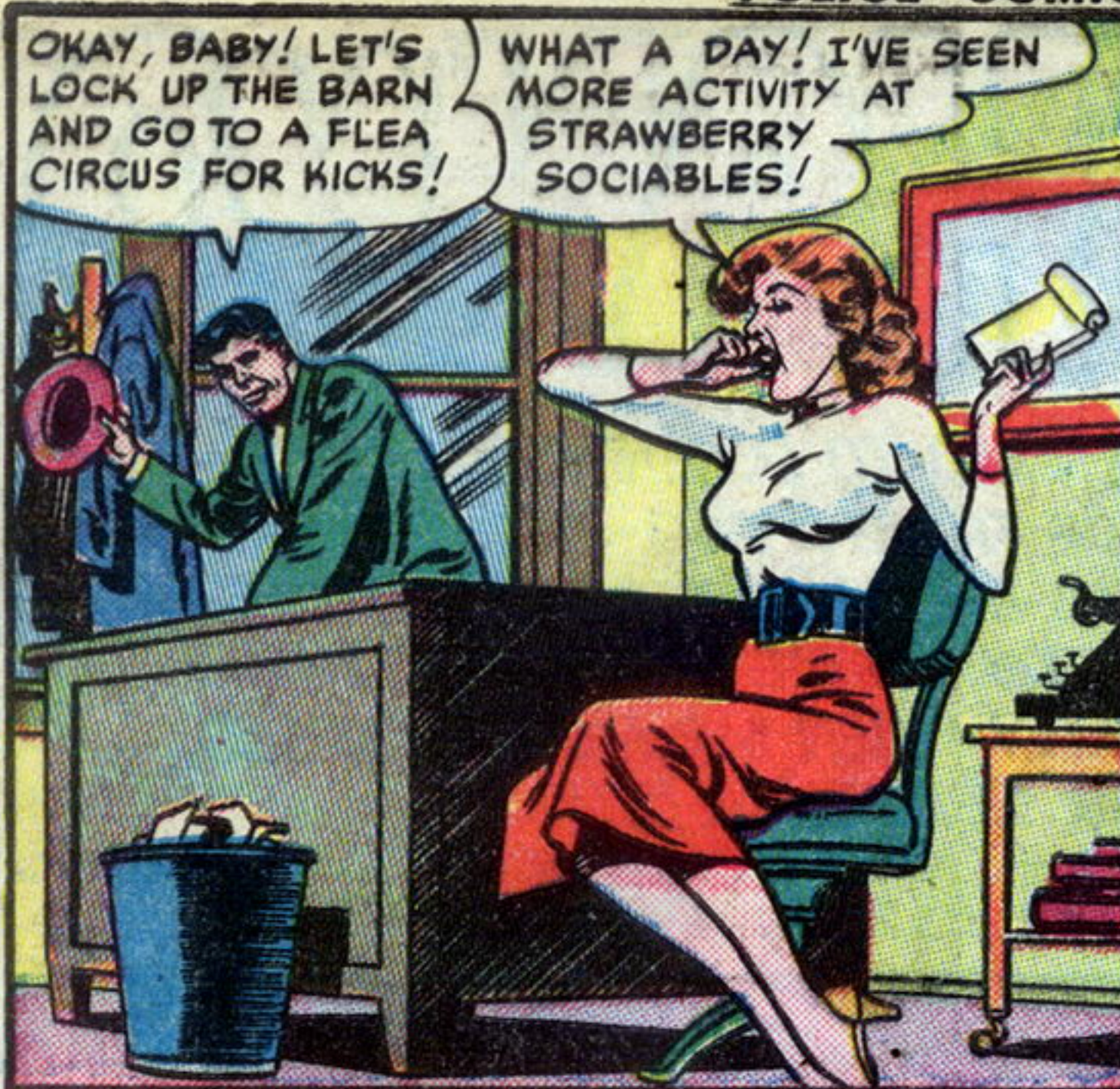
"TORPEDO" CLOSKY

He'd dissect his own grandma for a sawbuck! What would he do for a million bucks?

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY I GOT MIXED UP IN THE HENDRICKS' CASE! MY SECRETARY, DEE DEE DAWSON, HAD BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT THE LACK OF EXCITEMENT ALL AFTER-NOON!

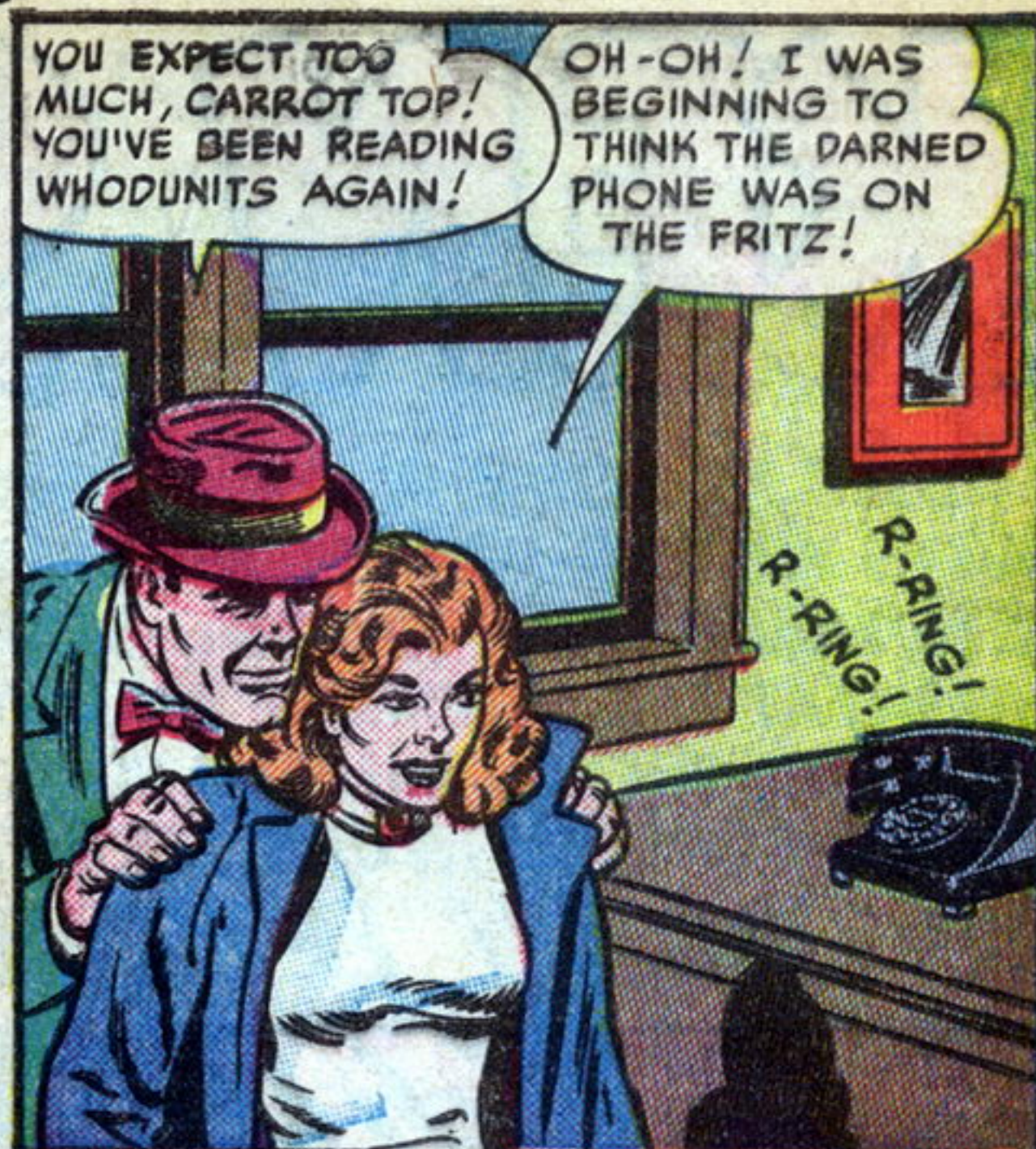
OKAY, BABY! LET'S LOCK UP THE BARN AND GO TO A FLEA CIRCUS FOR KICKS!

WHAT A DAY! I'VE SEEN MORE ACTIVITY AT STRAWBERRY SOCIABLES!



YOU EXPECT TOO MUCH, CARROT TOP! YOU'VE BEEN READING WHODUNITS AGAIN!

OH-OH! I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK THE DARNED PHONE WAS ON THE FRITZ!



IF I DON'T ANSWER IT'S A BLONDE IN DISTRESS, IF I DO IT'S A CREDITOR!

KEN SHANNON'S OFFICE! HELLO! I CAN'T HEAR YOU VERY WELL!



HELLO? THAT'S FUNNY! IT SOUNDED LIKE AN OLD MAN! HE SORT OF CROAKED, "DON'T LET THEM KILL ME!" AND THEN THE LINE WENT DEAD!

PUT A TRACER ON THAT CALL, HONEY! IT'S PROBABLY A GAG, BUT IT'S NOT MY IDEA OF HUMOR!



FIVE MINUTES LATER WE WERE HEADED FOR THE HENDRICKS' ESTATE!

THE OPERATOR SAID THE CALL CAME FROM THE EPHRAIM HENDRICKS' PLACE! BUT THE LINE WAS OUT OF ORDER WHEN SHE TRIED TO CALL BACK!

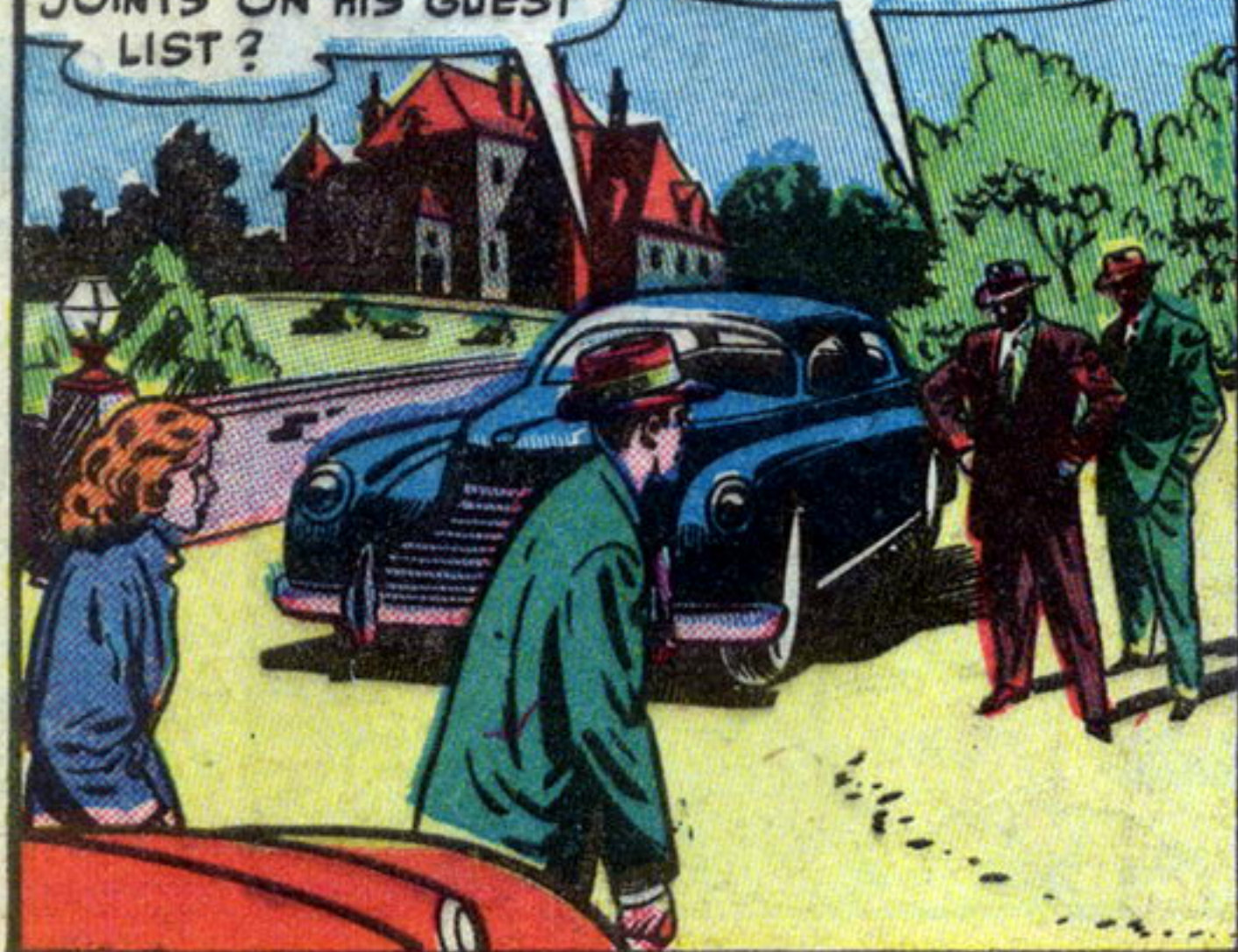
ANYBODY WITH FOUR MILLION LETTUCE LEAVES CAN FIND BETTER AMUSEMENTS THAN PLAYING "GUESS WHO"! HENDRICKS IS IN TROUBLE!



I DIDN'T HAVE TO HAVE TO "GUESS WHO" WHEN I RAN INTO THE TWO GORILLAS ON HENDRICKS' DRIVE-WAY A FEW MINUTES LATER!

TORPEDO CLOSKY! WHEN DID MR. HENDRICKS START INCLUDING MUSCLE MEN FOR THE BOOKIE JOINTS ON HIS GUEST LIST?

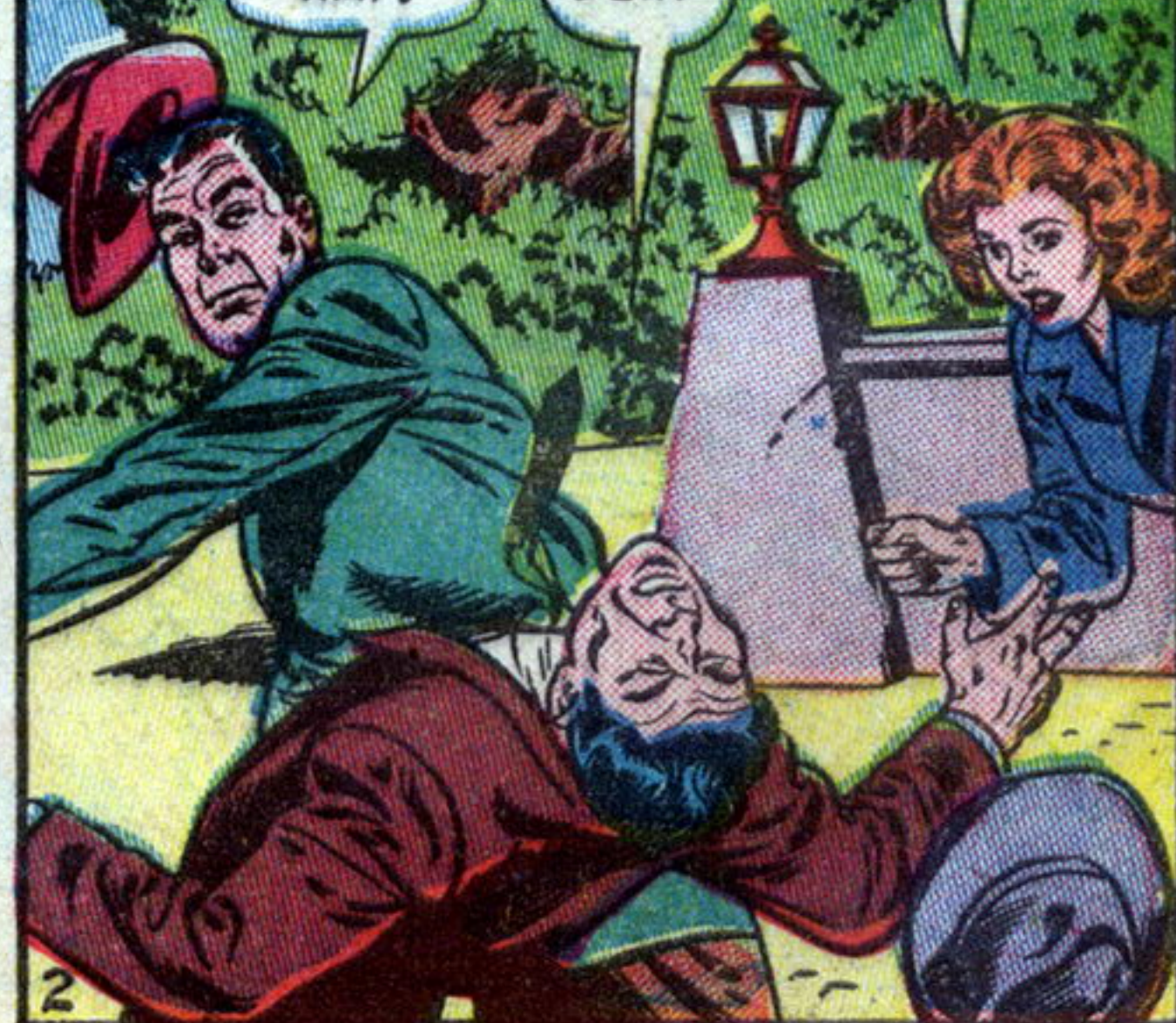
KEEP YA REMARKS TO Y'SELF, SHAMUS, AN' START TRAVELLIN'! MR. HENDRICKS AIN'T SEEN' NOBODY!

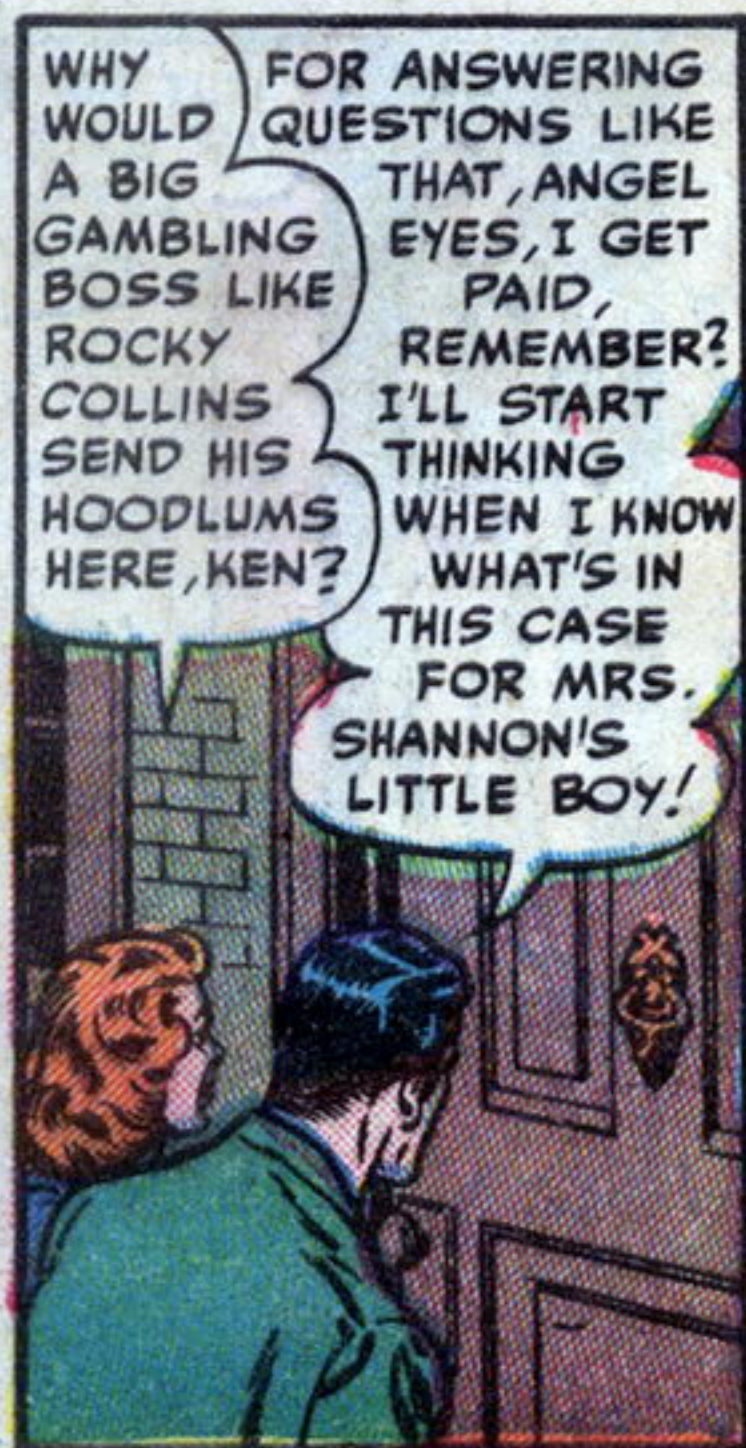
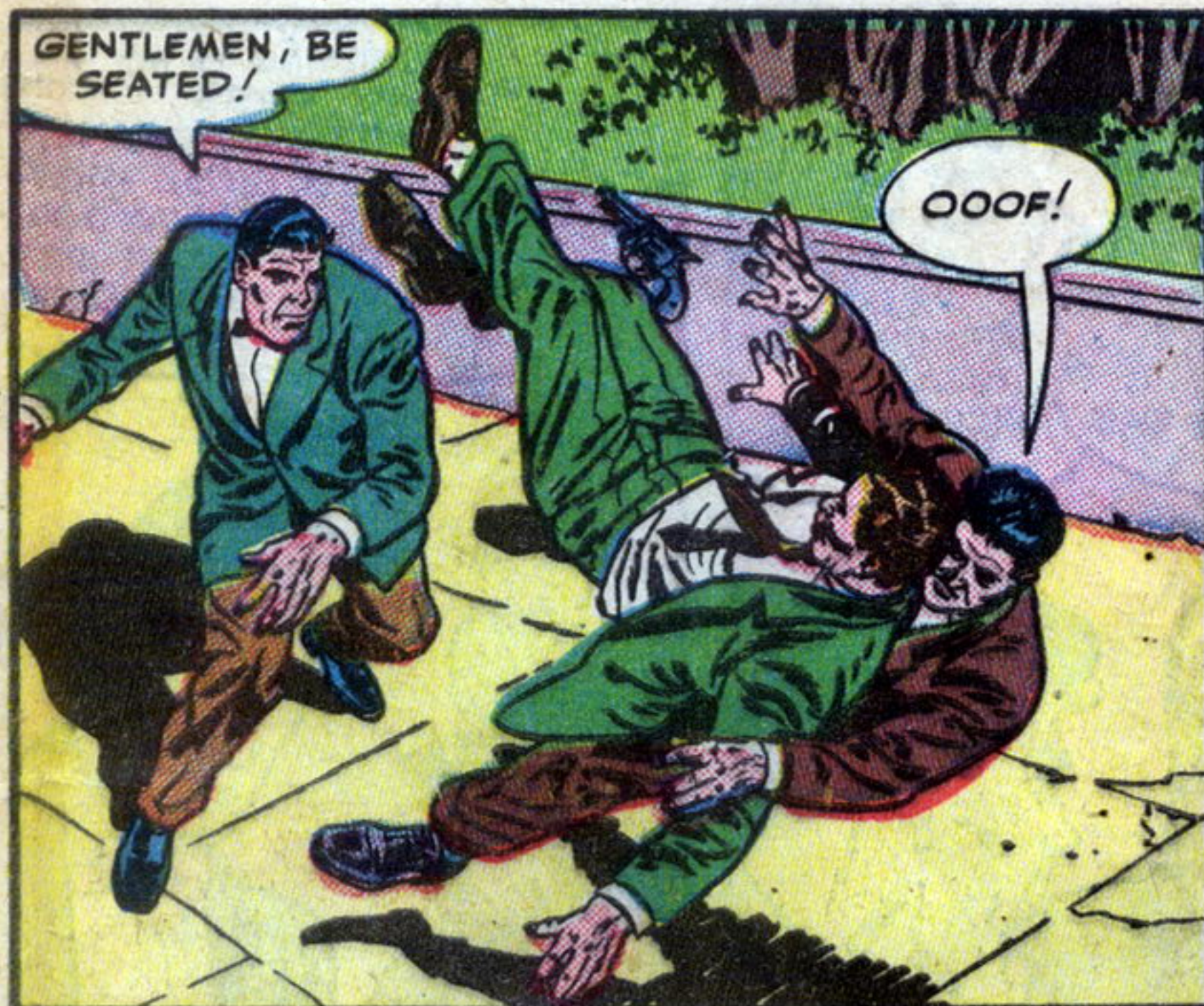
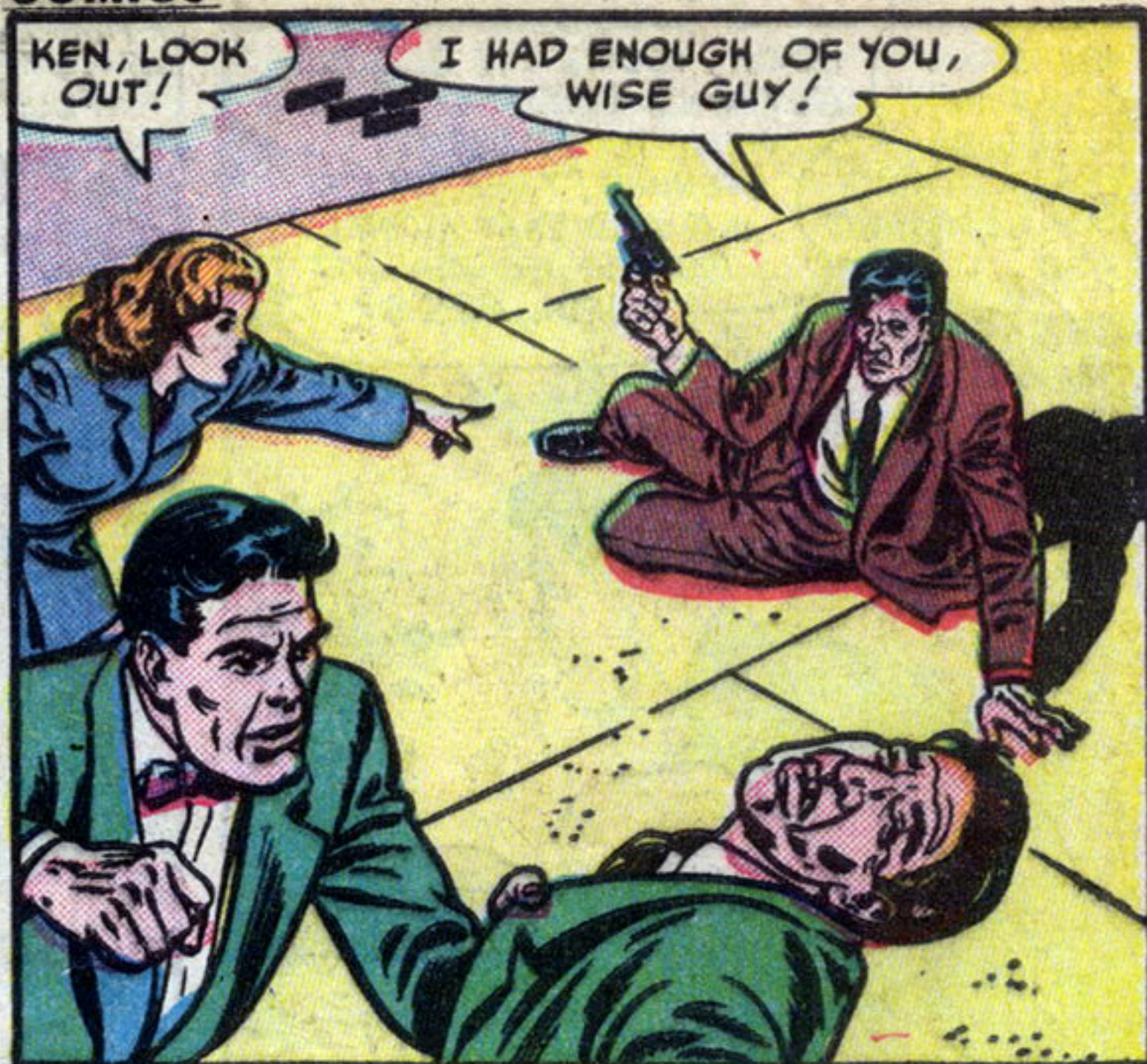


YOU WON'T BE SEEING MUCH WITH ONE EYE SHUT! OUT OF MY WAY!

OH, YOU MAD, IMPETUOUS BOY, KENNY!

UGH!

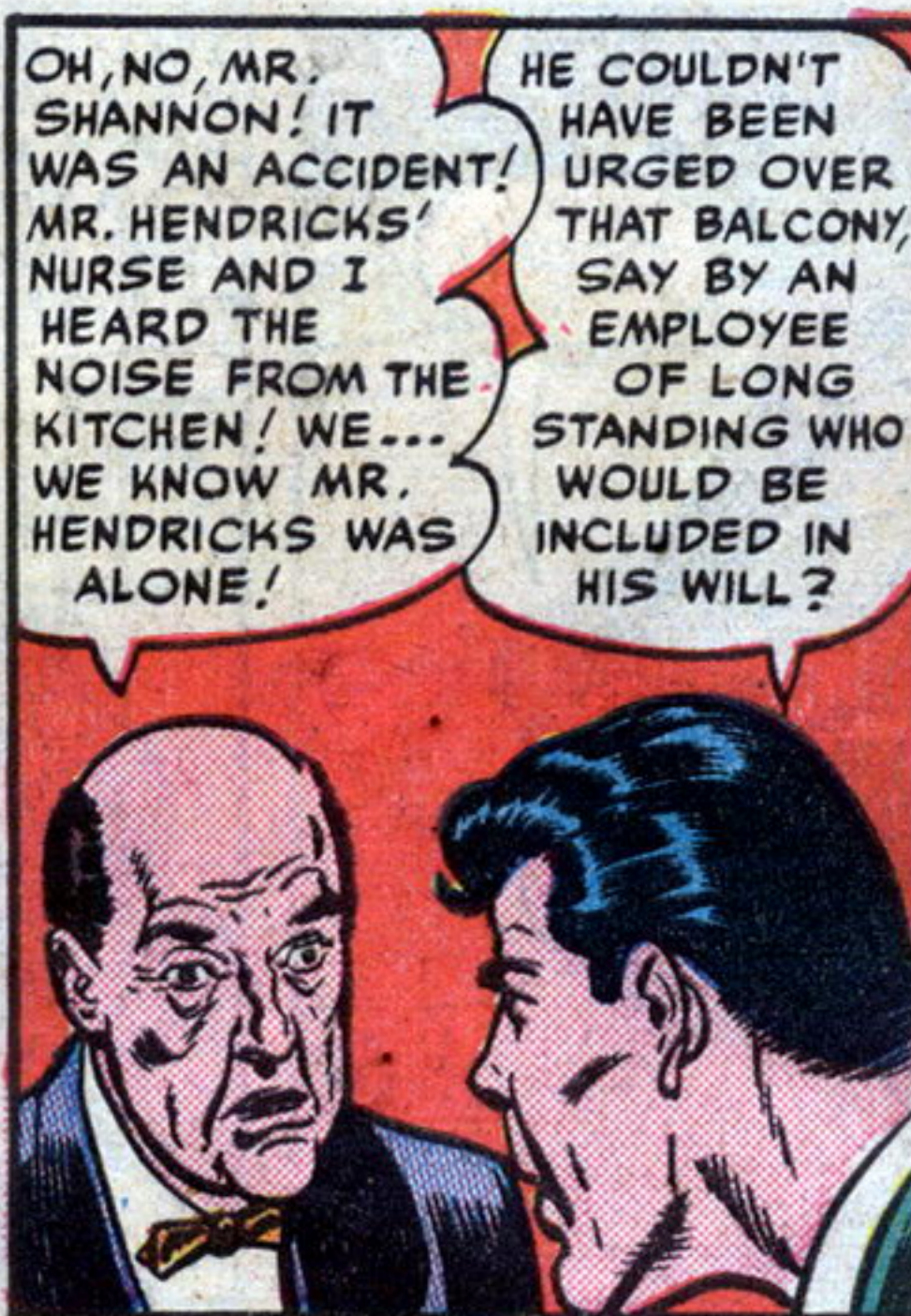
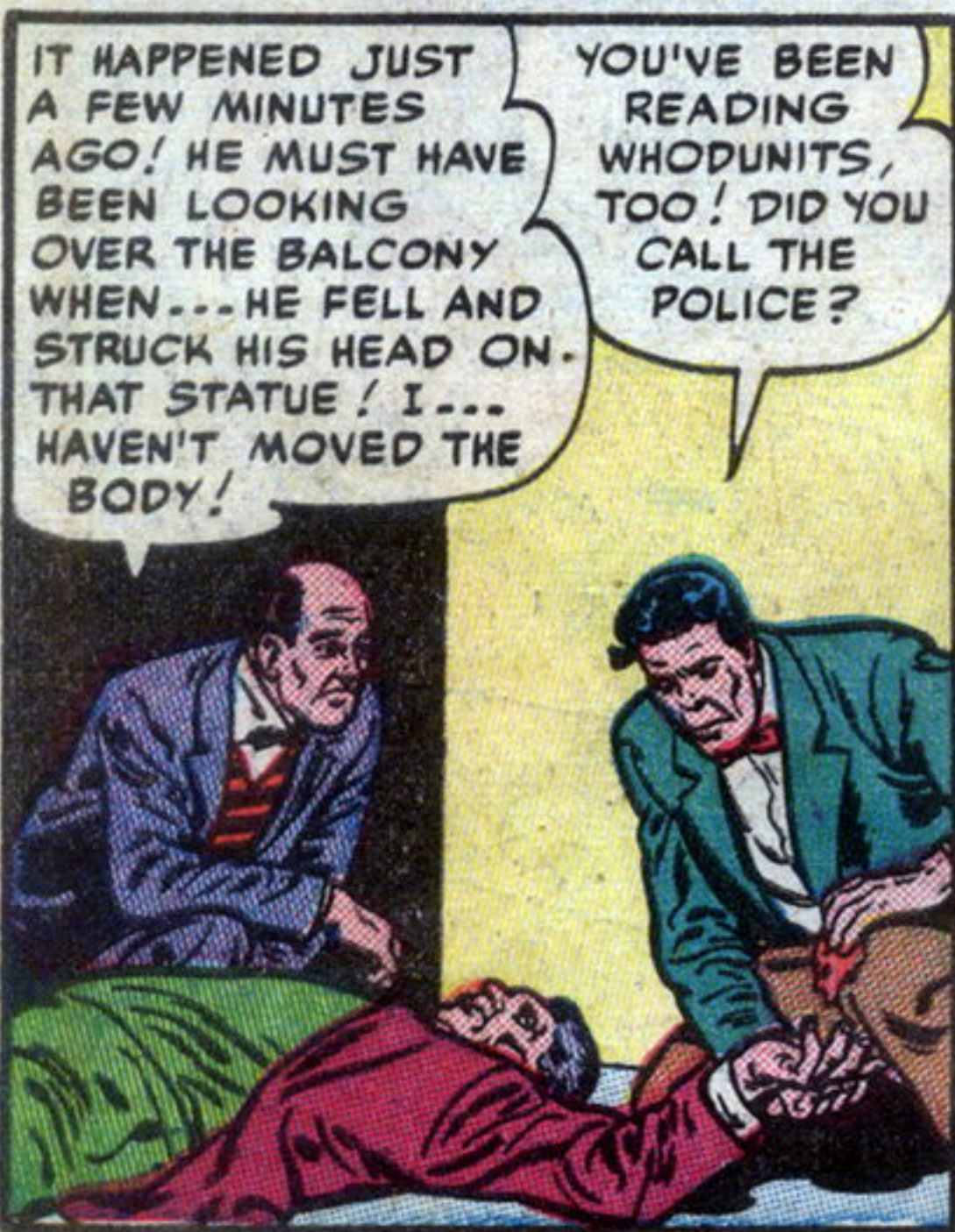
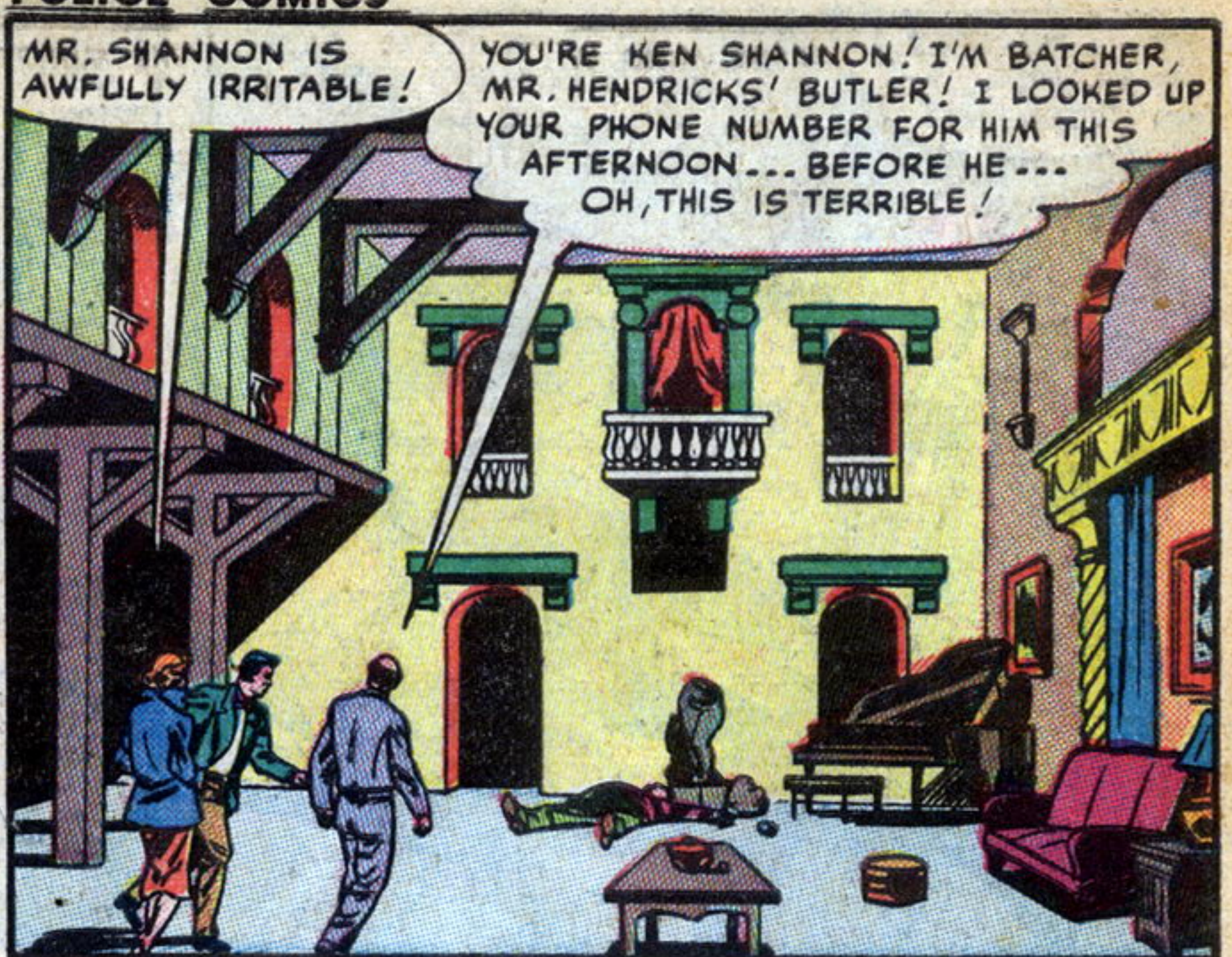




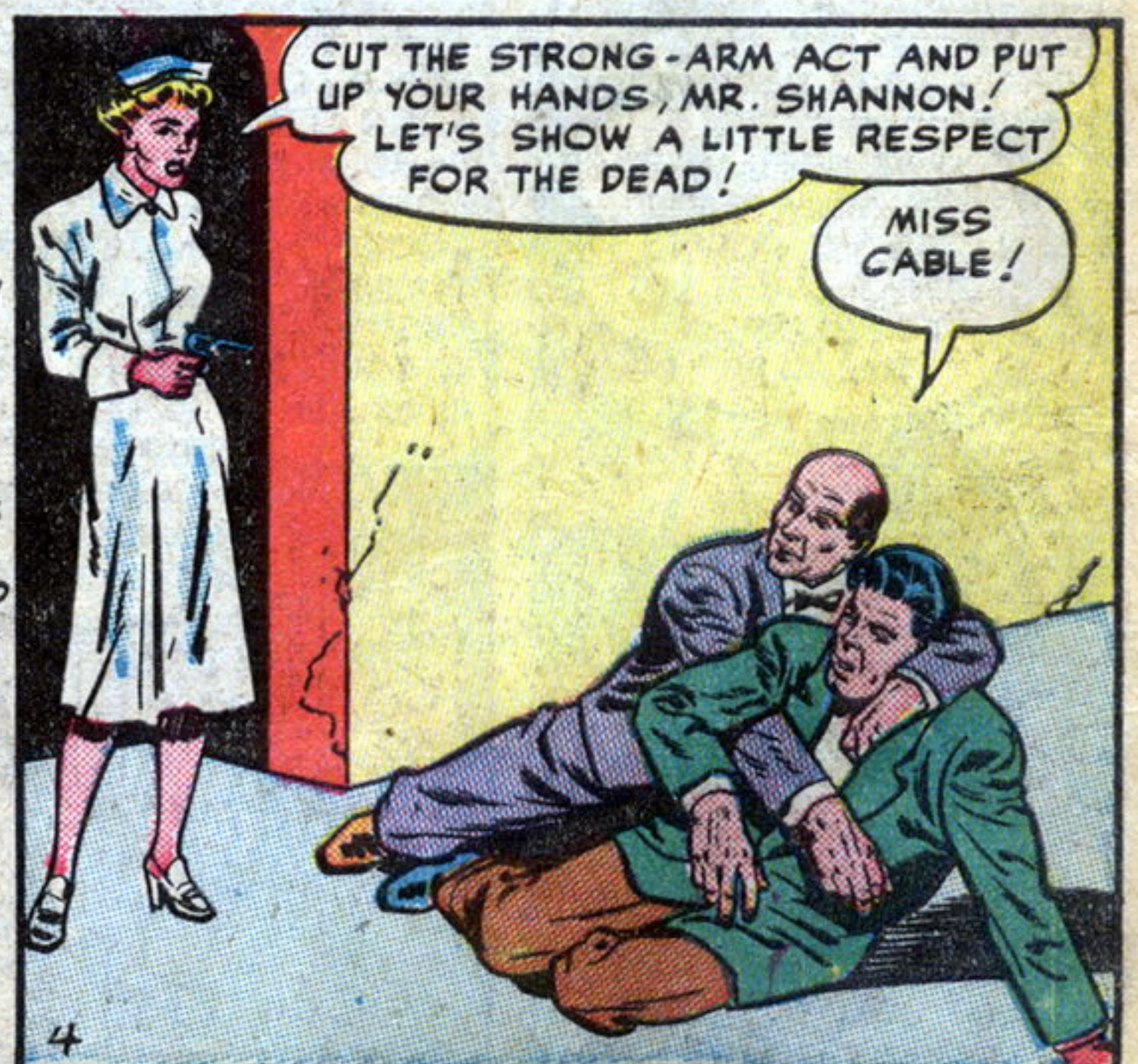
HAD VISIONS OF A FAT, JUICY FEE, BUT A SECOND LATER THAT ROSY DREAM BLEW UP IN MY FACE!



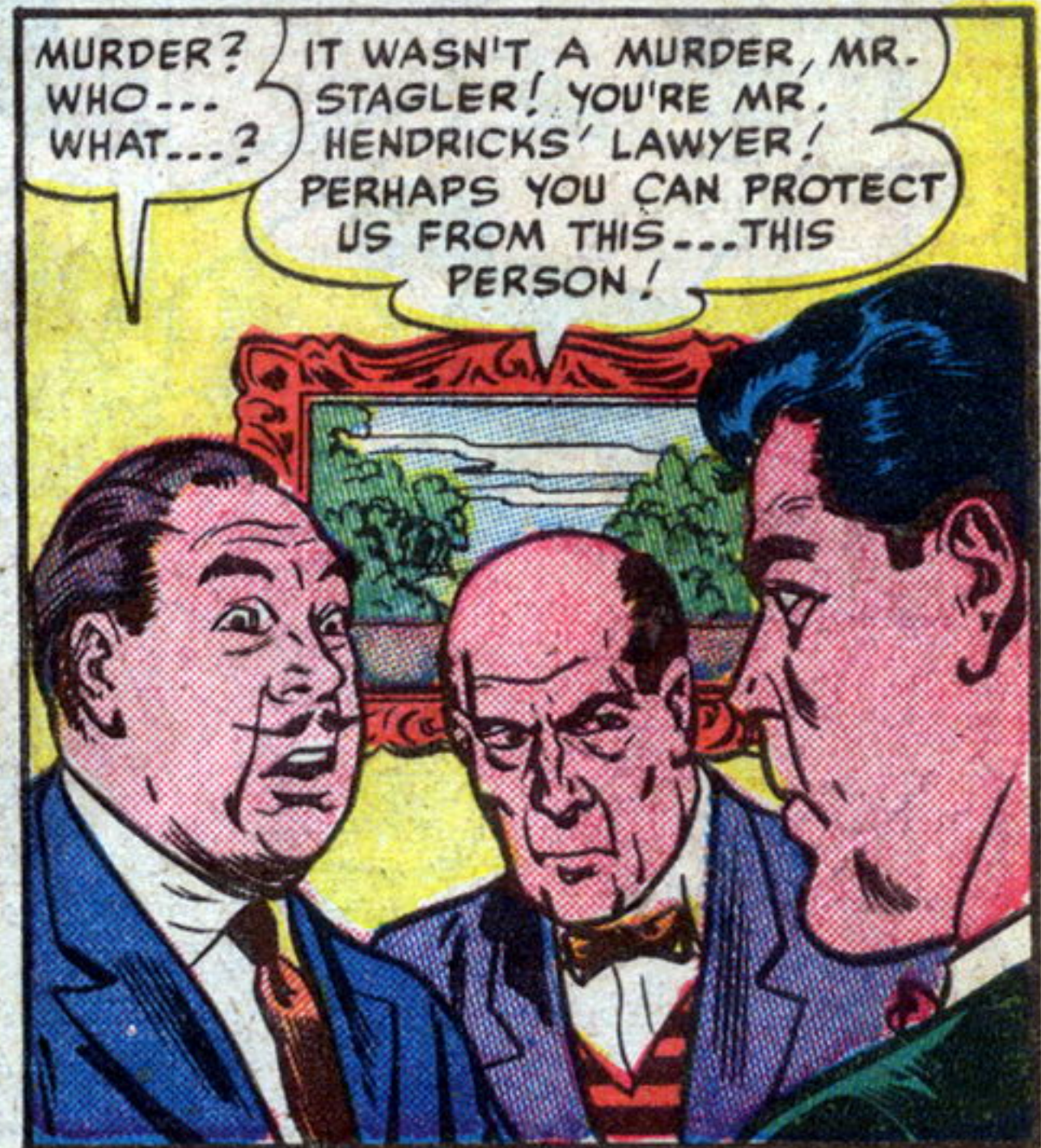
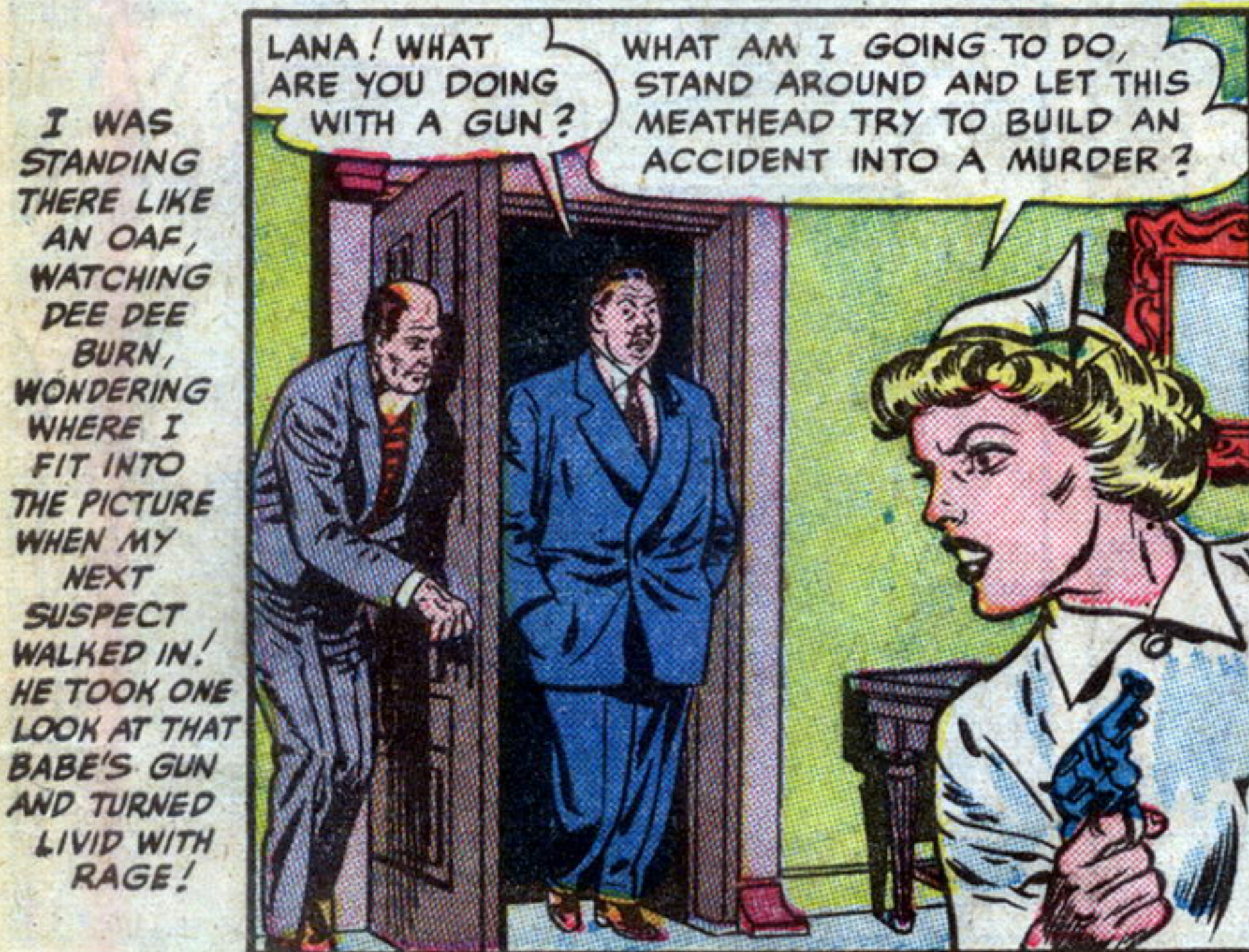
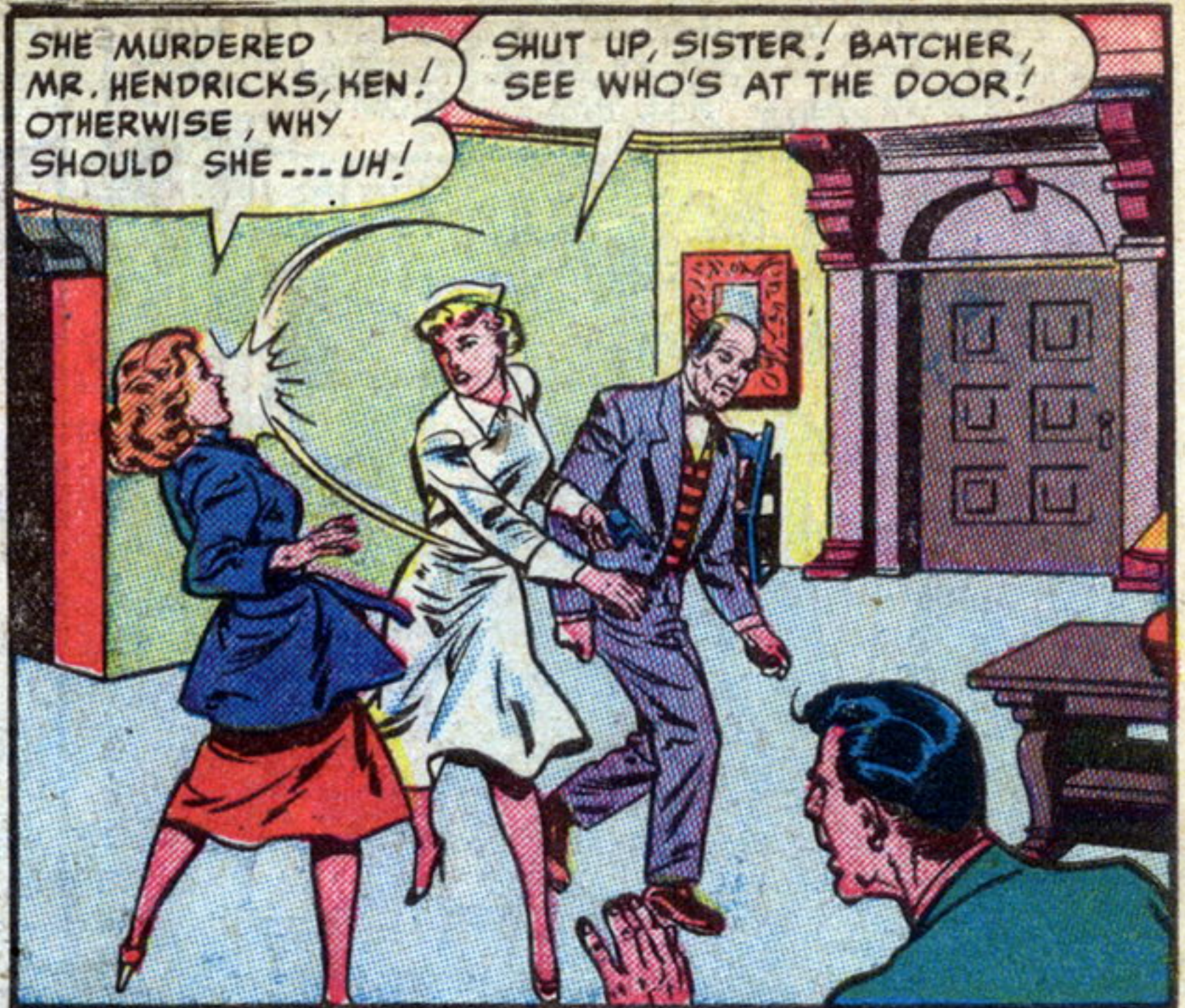
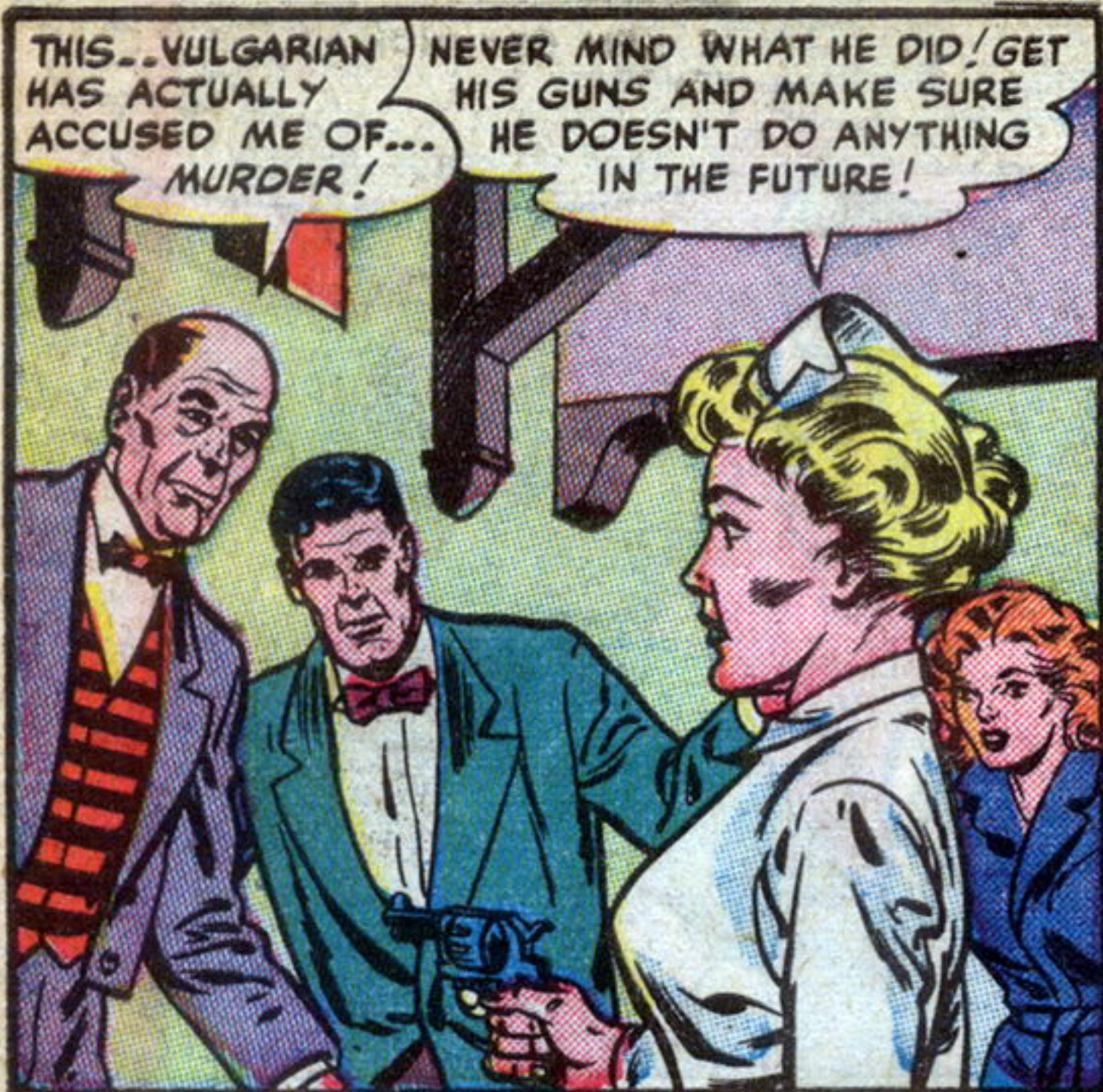
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I UNDER-ESTIMATED BATCHER'S STRENGTH! HE WAS POWERFUL AS A BULL ELEPHANT AND I WAS HAVING ALL I COULD DO TO HOLD MY OWN WHEN...



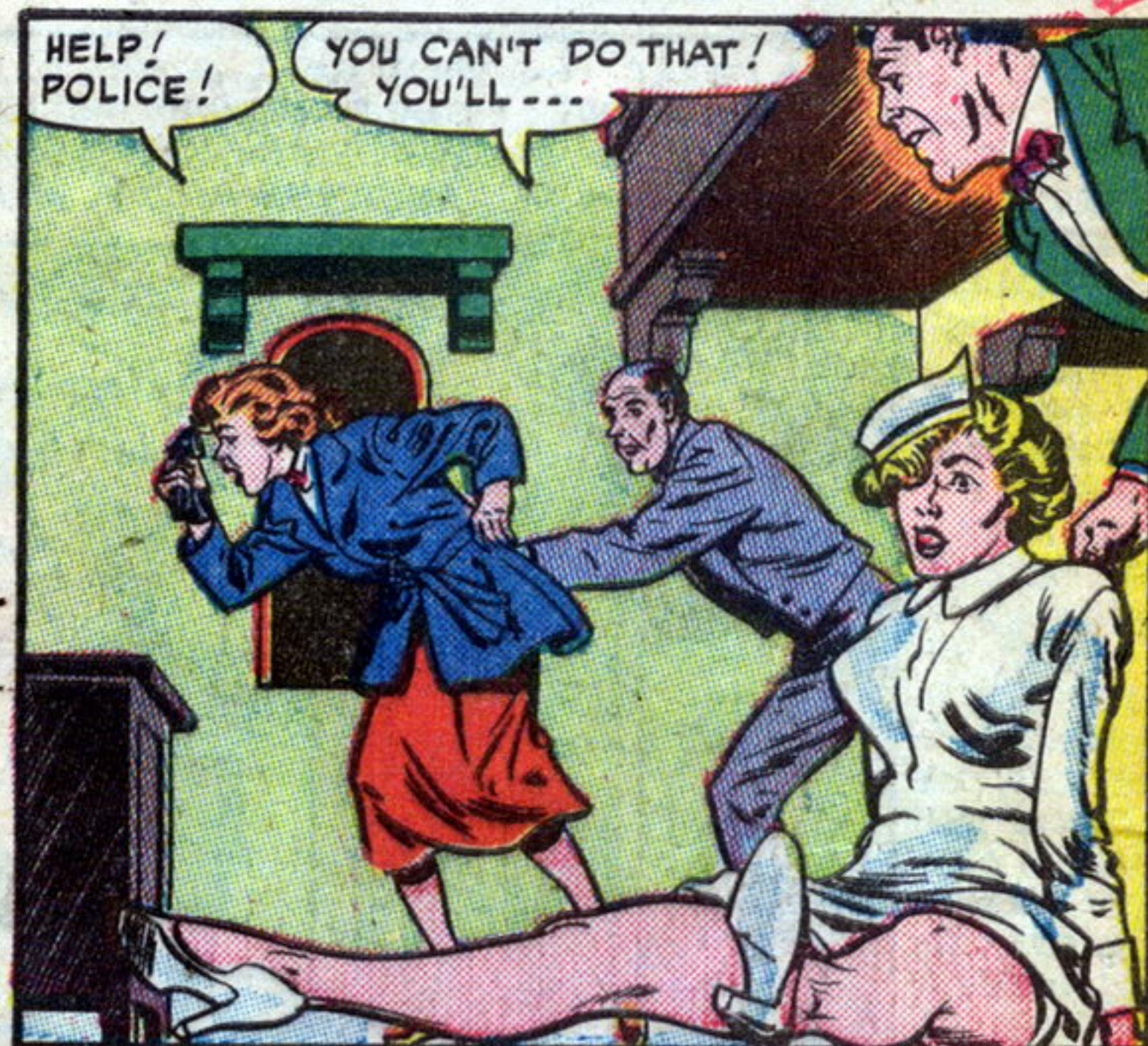
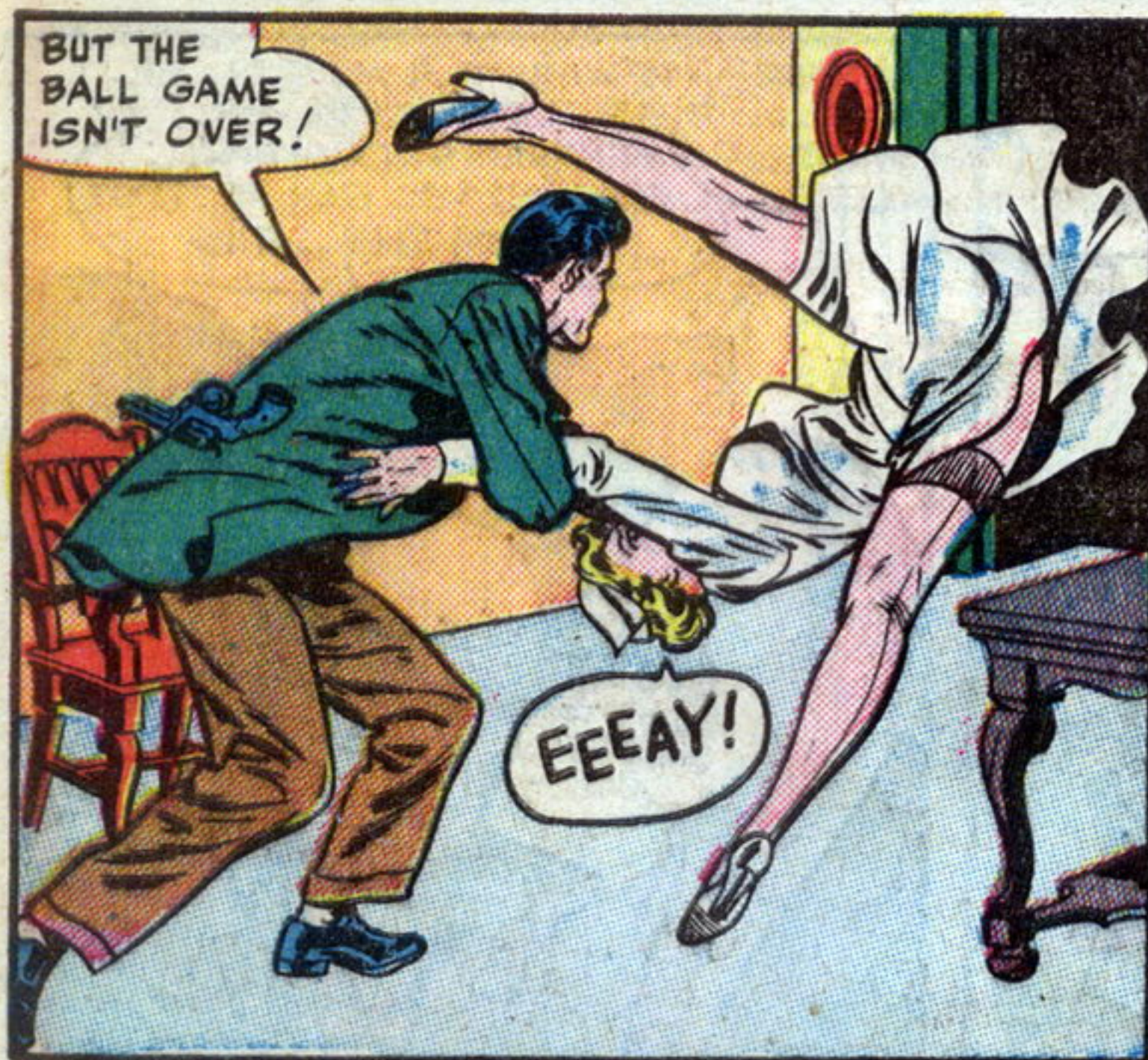
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That MUCH OF THE STORY FIGURED, BUT THE CALL FROM HENDRICKS AND THE PRESENCE OF THE ROCKY COLLINS GORILLAS DIDN'T ADD UP! I HAD A LOOK AT THE BALCONY!



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I CAME TO WITH A HEAD THAT FELT LIKE IT HAD BEEN MISTAKEN FOR AN ANVIL! DEE DEE WAS BESIDE ME, BOTH OF US TIED UP LIKE A COUPLE OF CHRISTMAS PACKAGES!



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DEE DEE'S
BRAIN-
STORMS CAN
BE DIS-
COURAGING
AT TIMES!
BUT IN THE
NEXT
BREATH,
SHE CAME
UP WITH A
LULU! I
LOST NO
TIME IN
FOLLOWING
THROUGH!

SEE? YOU REMOVE MY PIN
WITH YOUR PEARLY MOLARS!
THEN YOU JIGGLE YOUR
CHAIR BEHIND MINE AND
USE THE SHARP END TO
SAW AT THE ROPES!



URB!
GLURP!

IT TOOK TIME, AND TIME WAS
SOMETHING THAT WAS RUNNING
OUT! BUT IT WORKED!

NOW I
UNTIE YOU,
SEE?

URB! STEP ON IT,
KITTEN! THE ONLY
PERCENTAGE IN
STAYING HERE IS...
UGH... GETTING A
COUPLE OF SLUGS
PUMPED INTO US!



EITHER THAT
OR THE KILLER
WILL TRY TO
FIX THE ONE
ERROR IN THAT
ACCIDENT
FRAME-UP!

THAT'S WHY WE
WEREN'T KILLED,
KEN! IT'LL BE
SAFER TO
CONVINCE THE
POLICE IT WAS
AN ACCIDENT AND
THAT YOU GOT OUT
OF HAND!



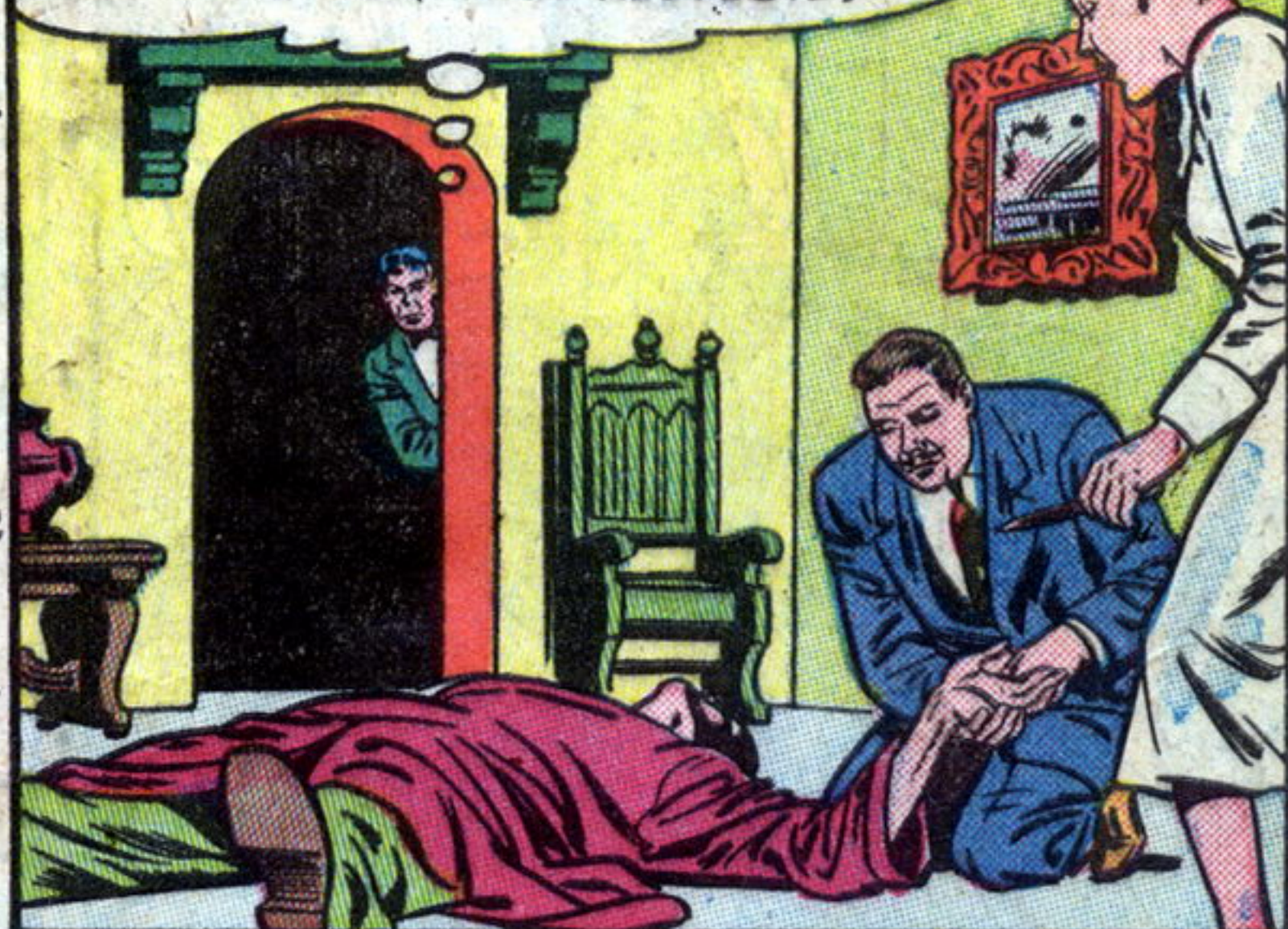
DUCK IN HERE
AND PHONE ART
CLYDE, DEE DEE!
I'VE GOT A
SCORE TO
SETTLE!

BE CAREFUL,
LOVER BOY! I
WOULDN'T HAVE A
THING TO WEAR
TO A FUNERAL!



DON'T
EVER
BELIEVE
THOSE
STORIES
ABOUT TOUGH-
SKINNED
DETECTIVES
WHO WALK
THROUGH A
DEATH TRAP
WEARING
HAPPY
SMILES! I
WAS SCARED,
PLENTY
SCARED!

I'D FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH
A PERSUADER IN MY MITT! OH-OH!
LOOKS LIKE STAGLER AND THE BLONDE
ARE PAYING THEIR LAST RESPECTS!



I SAW WHAT THEIR GAME WAS, AND IT WAS THEN
OR NEVER!

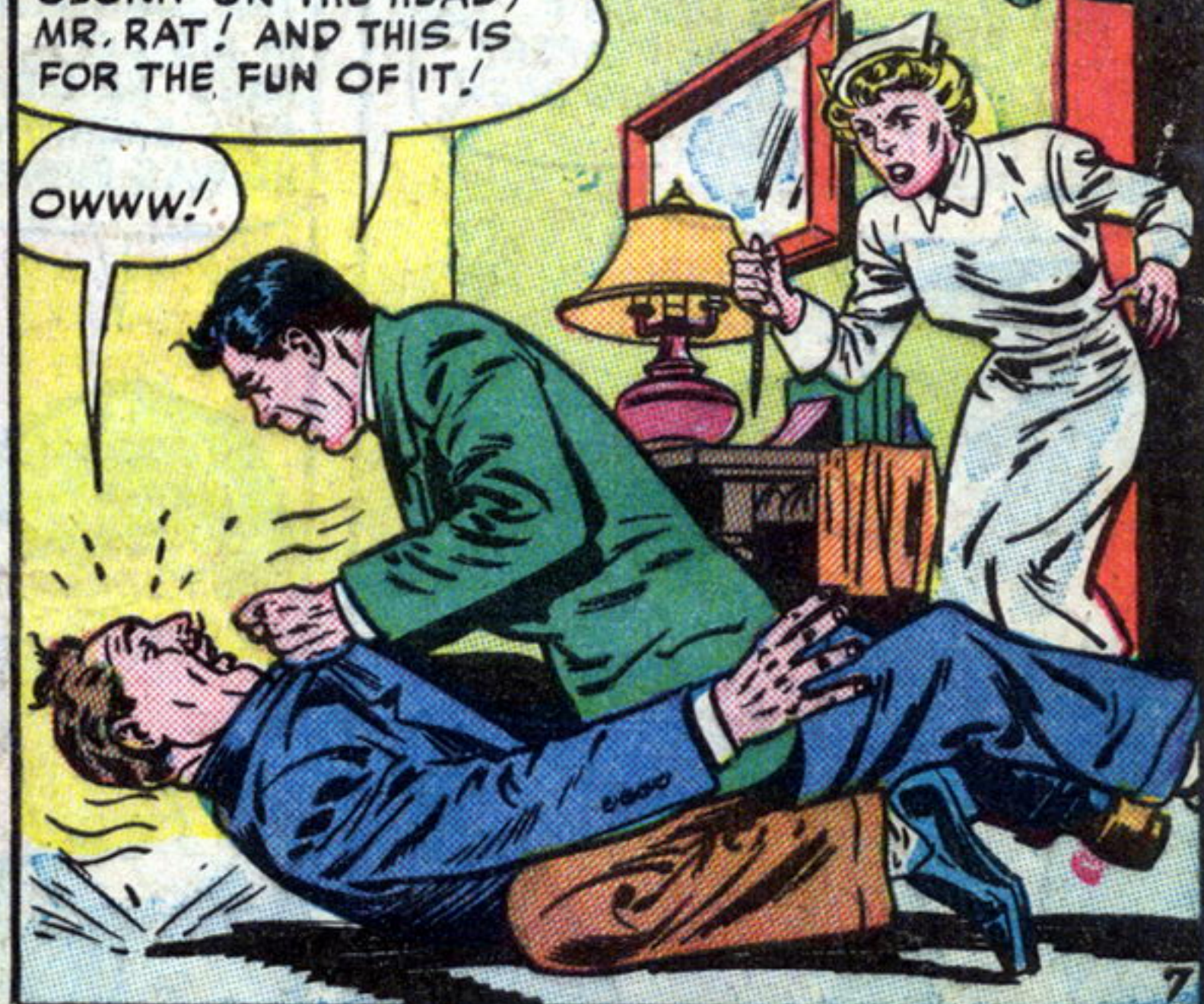
THIS IS WHAT YOU
CALL BEING CAUGHT
WITH THE GOODS,
STAGLER!

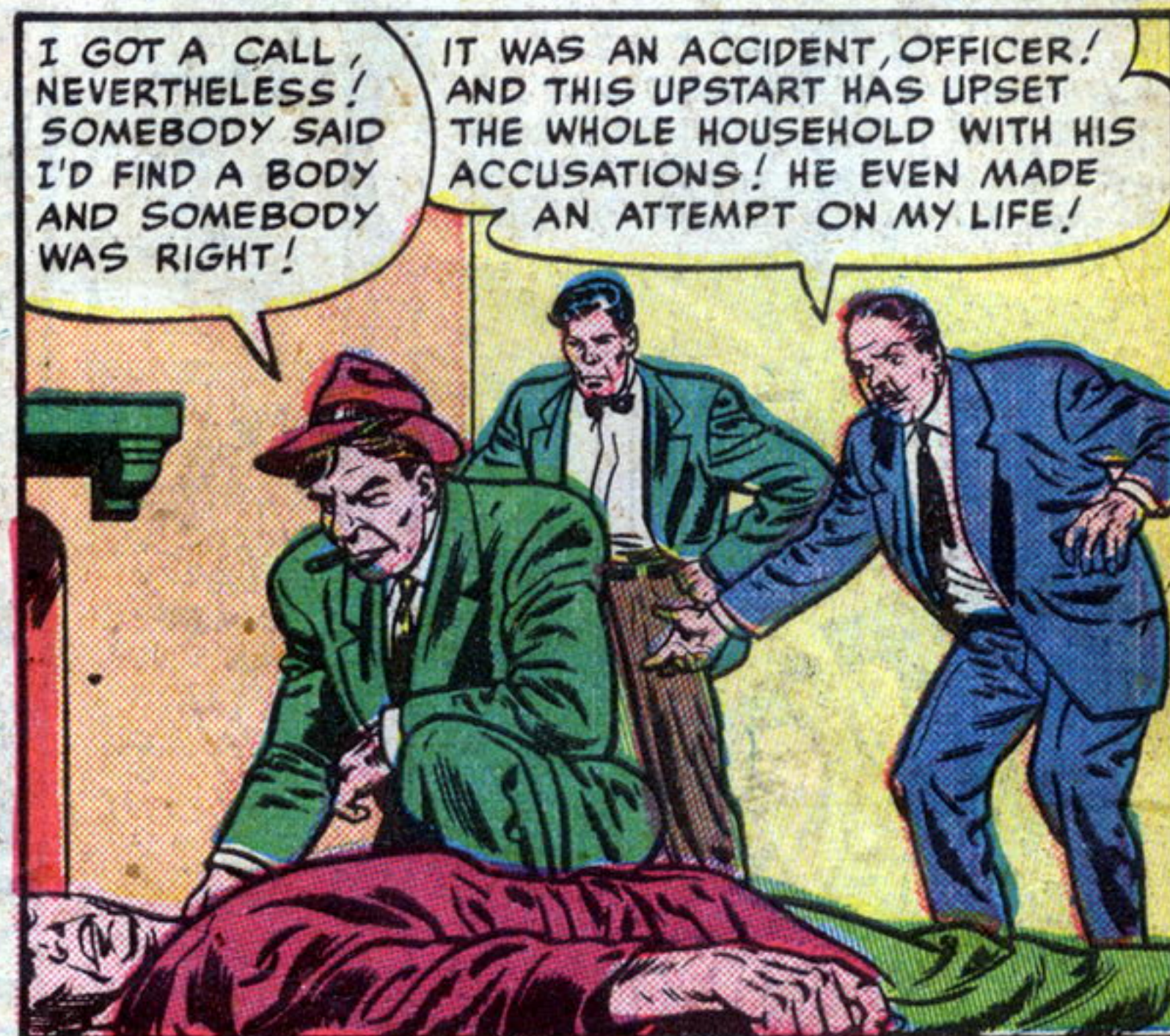
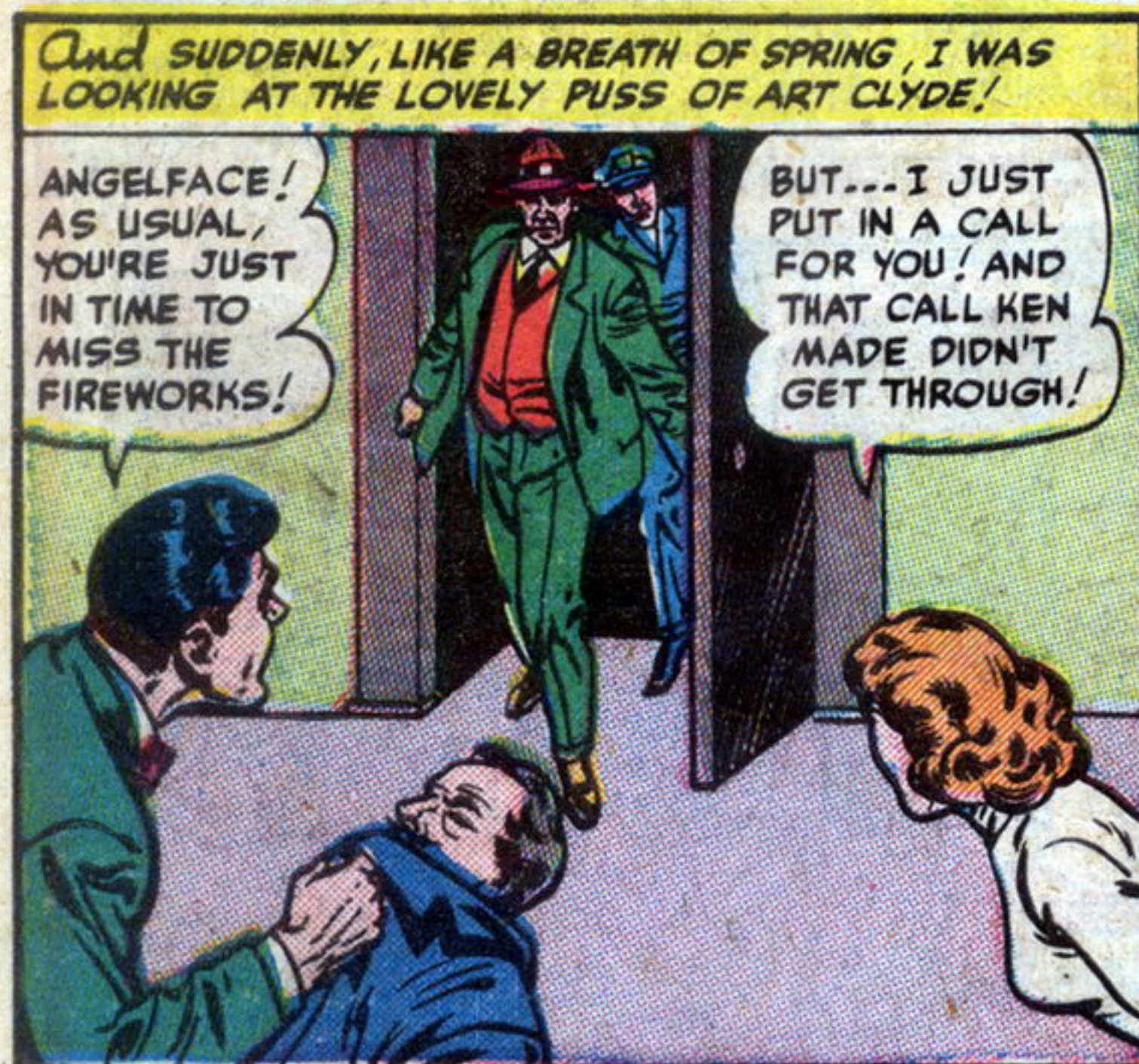
SHANNON!



THIS IS FOR THAT
CLONK ON THE HEAD,
MR. RAT! AND THIS IS
FOR THE FUN OF IT!

OWWW!





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BRIGHT GIRL! WHEN STAGLER SAW I WAS WISE TO HIM, HE DECIDED TO TAKE A FEW PRECAUTIONS! IT OCCURRED TO HIM THAT WHEN THE OLD MAN CLAWED AT HIM, HE GOT LINT FROM STAGLER'S SUIT BEHIND HIS FINGERNAILS!



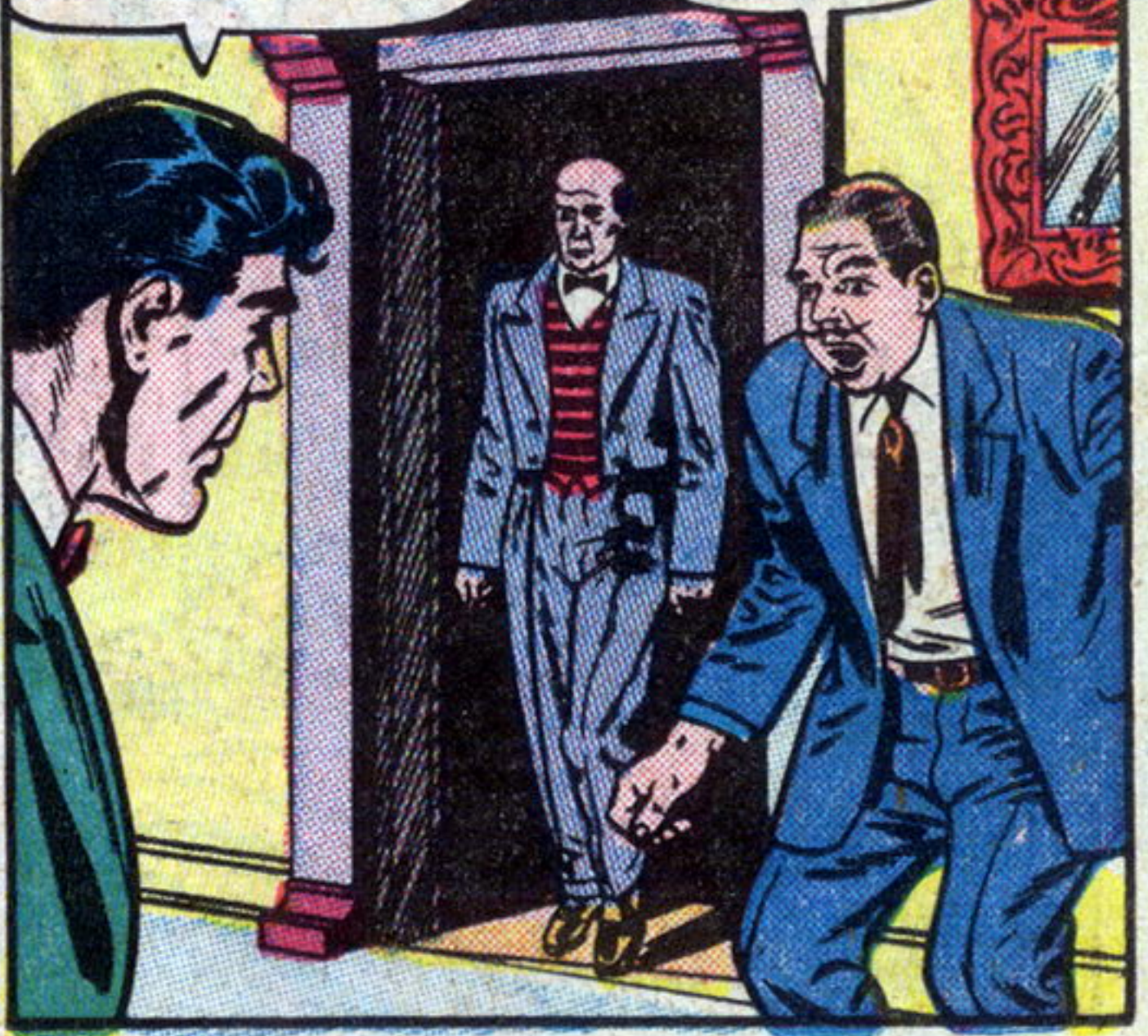
THE LAB WILL FIND ENOUGH TO HANG OUR KILLER, KEN!

BATCHER! HE DID IT! HE HAD A POLICE RECORD AND HE WANTED TO KILL THE OLD MAN BEFORE HE FOUND OUT AND CHANGED HIS WILL!



THEN MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHO KILLED BATCHER?

BATCHER? HE'S DEAD? THEN THE MONEY GOES TO...!



HEY...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL?

HE'S TRAPPED YOU, MR. STAGLER! IF I WAS DEAD, THE MONEY WOULD GO TO A CHARITABLE INSTITUTION! THEN YOU'D NEVER GET YOUR HANDS ON IT!



IT'S TRUE, MR. SHANNON! I DO HAVE AN OLD POLICE RECORD! THAT WAS WHY I WAS AFRAID OF A POLICE INVESTIGATION... AFRAID THEY'D PIN THE MURDER ON ME!

BUT YOU DIDN'T KILL THE OLD MAN!



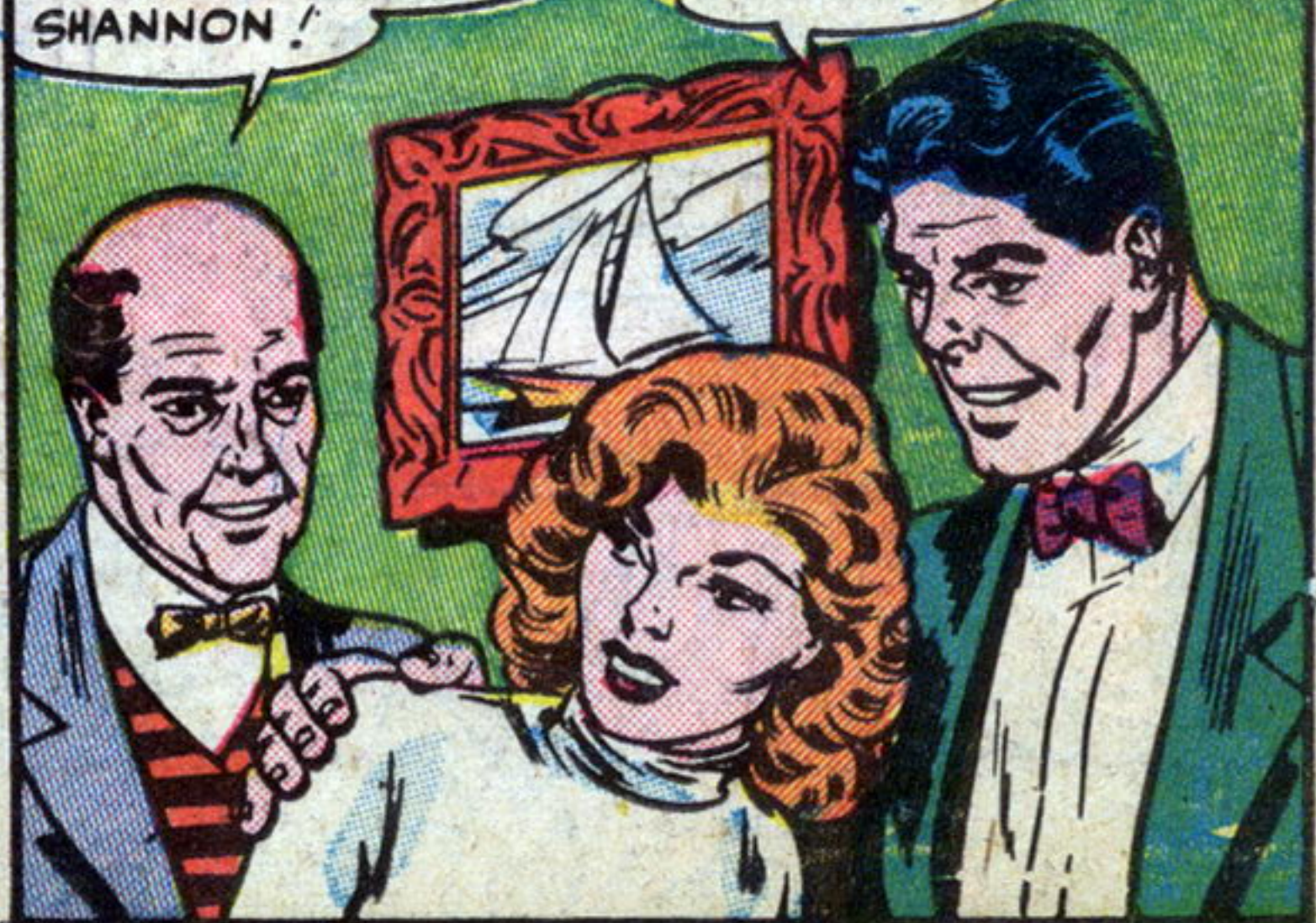
STAGLER PLANTED LANA CABLE HERE TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THE ROOM WHILE HE KILLED HENDRICKS! THE COLLINS MOB WAS EVIDENTLY AFTER HIM FOR A GAMBLING DEBT HE OWES AND HE HAD TO RAISE THE MONEY FAST!

KNOWING MY RECORD, HE WOULD HAVE MILKED ME OF MY INHERITANCE WITH BLACKMAIL!



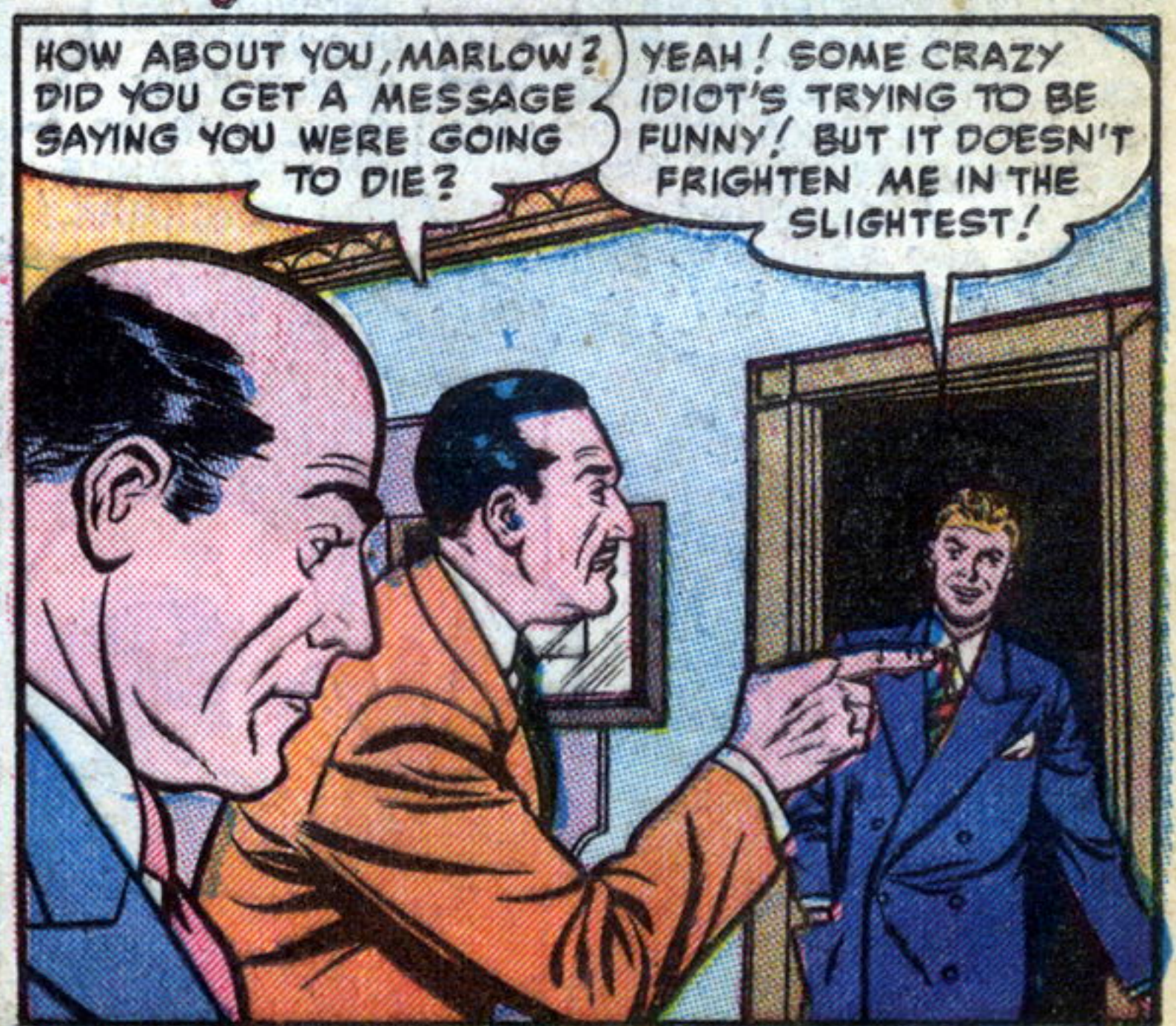
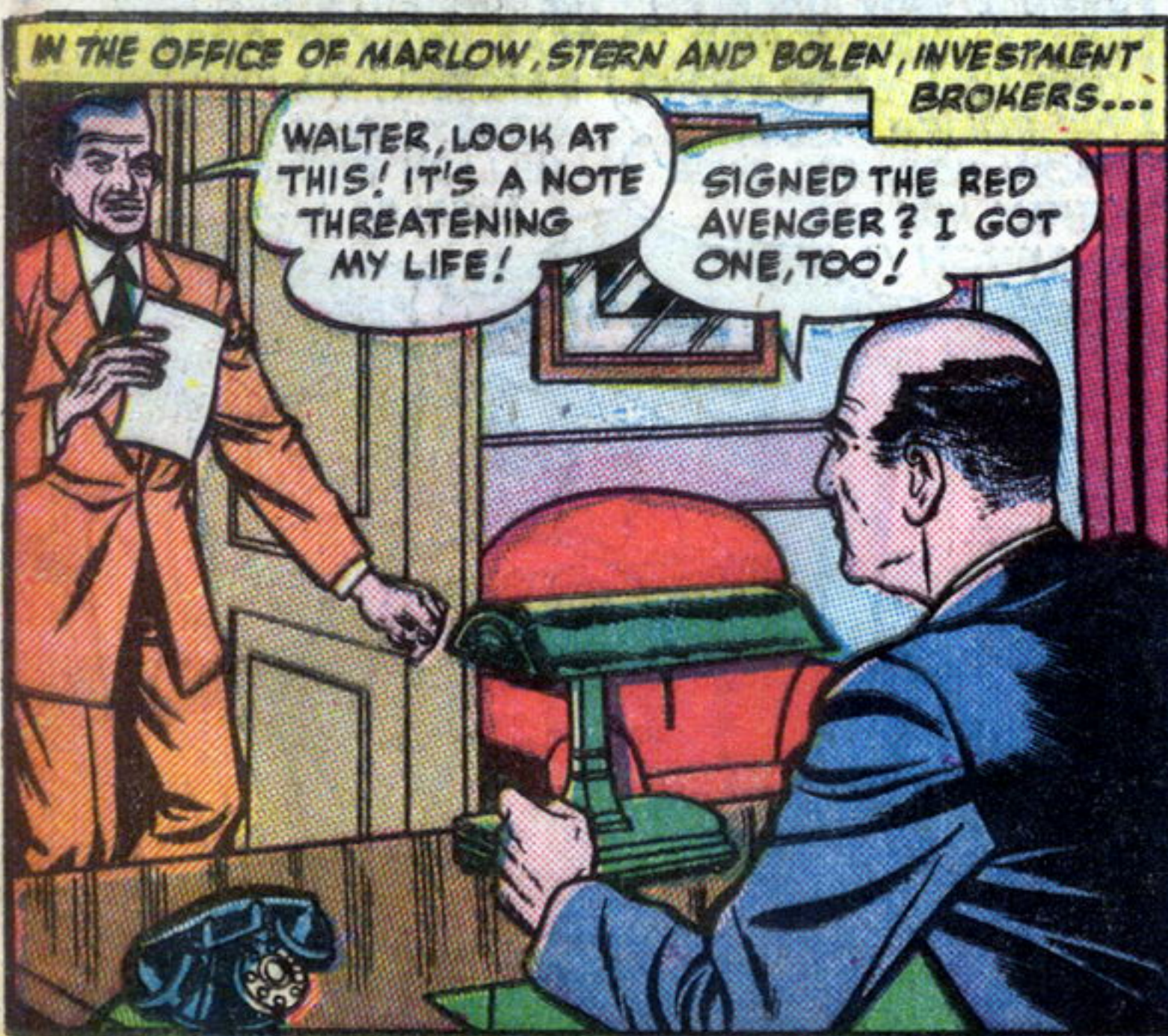
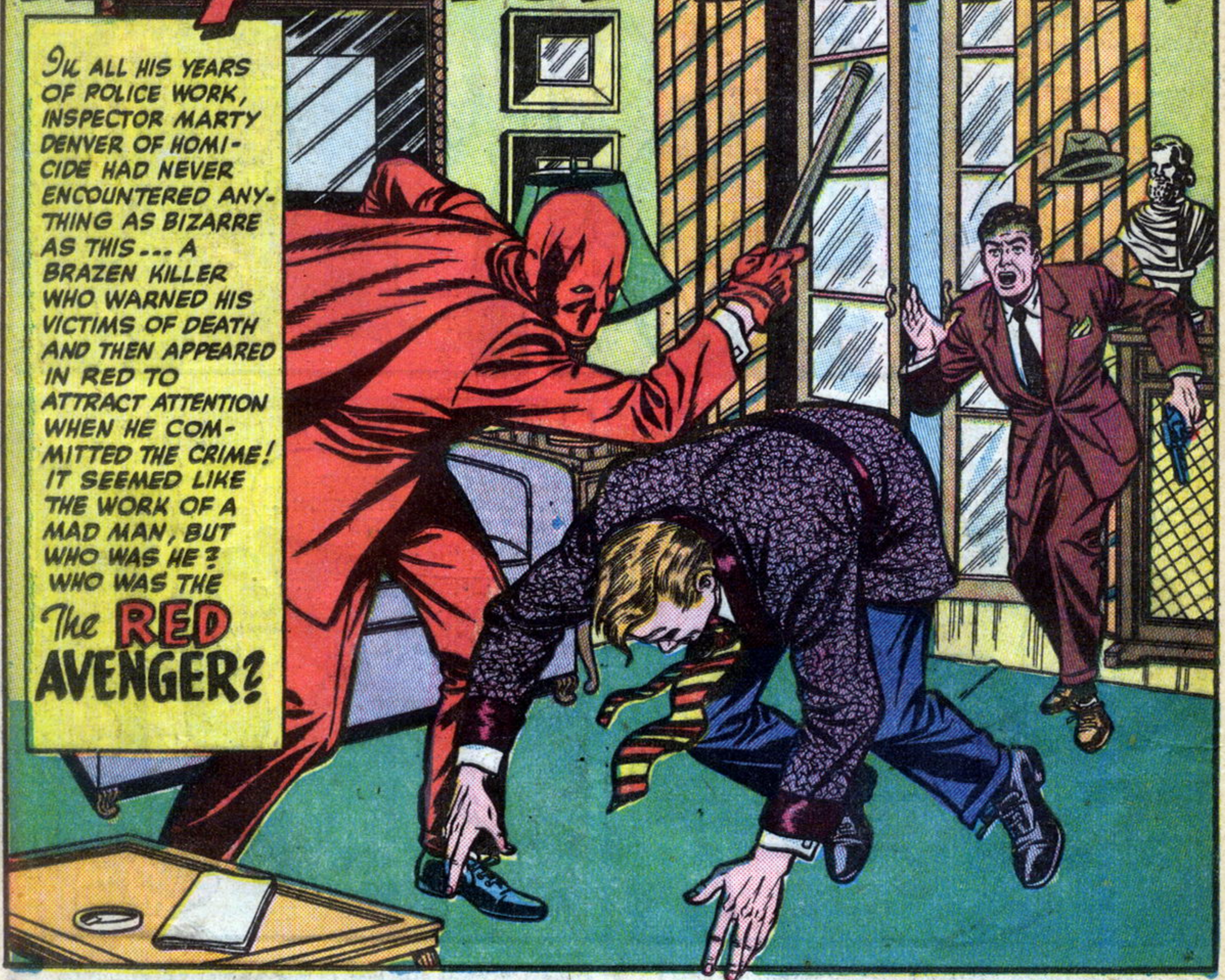
WHEN I SAW HIM HIT YOU, I KNEW IT WAS TIME FOR ME TO PHONE THE POLICE! I DON'T KNOW HOW I'LL EVER REPAY YOU, MR. SHANNON!

THE ANCIENTS FIGURED THAT ONE OUT FOR YOU, BATCHER! THEY INVENTED MONEY! AND FOUR MILLION BUCKS ISN'T ALFALFA!

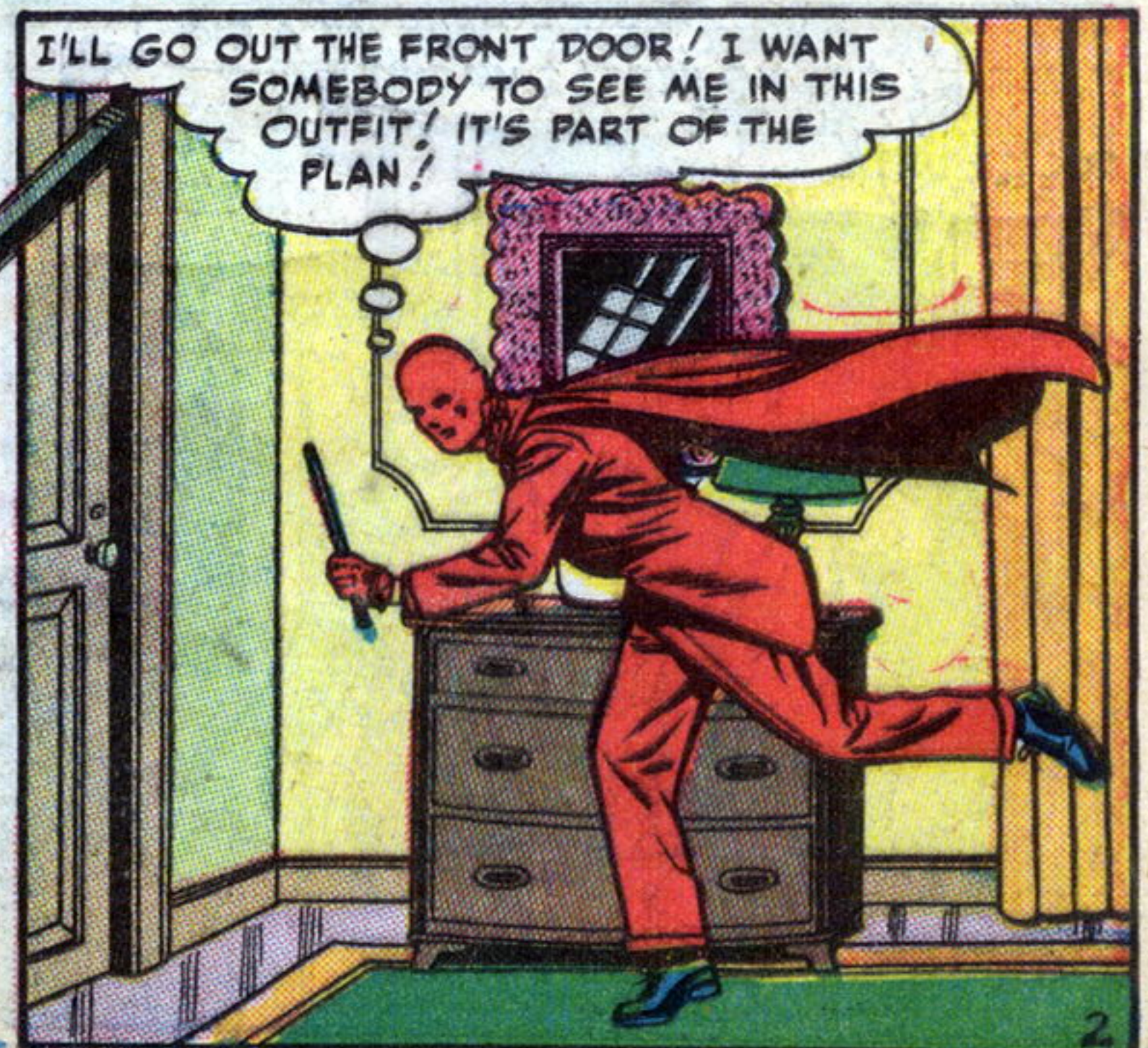
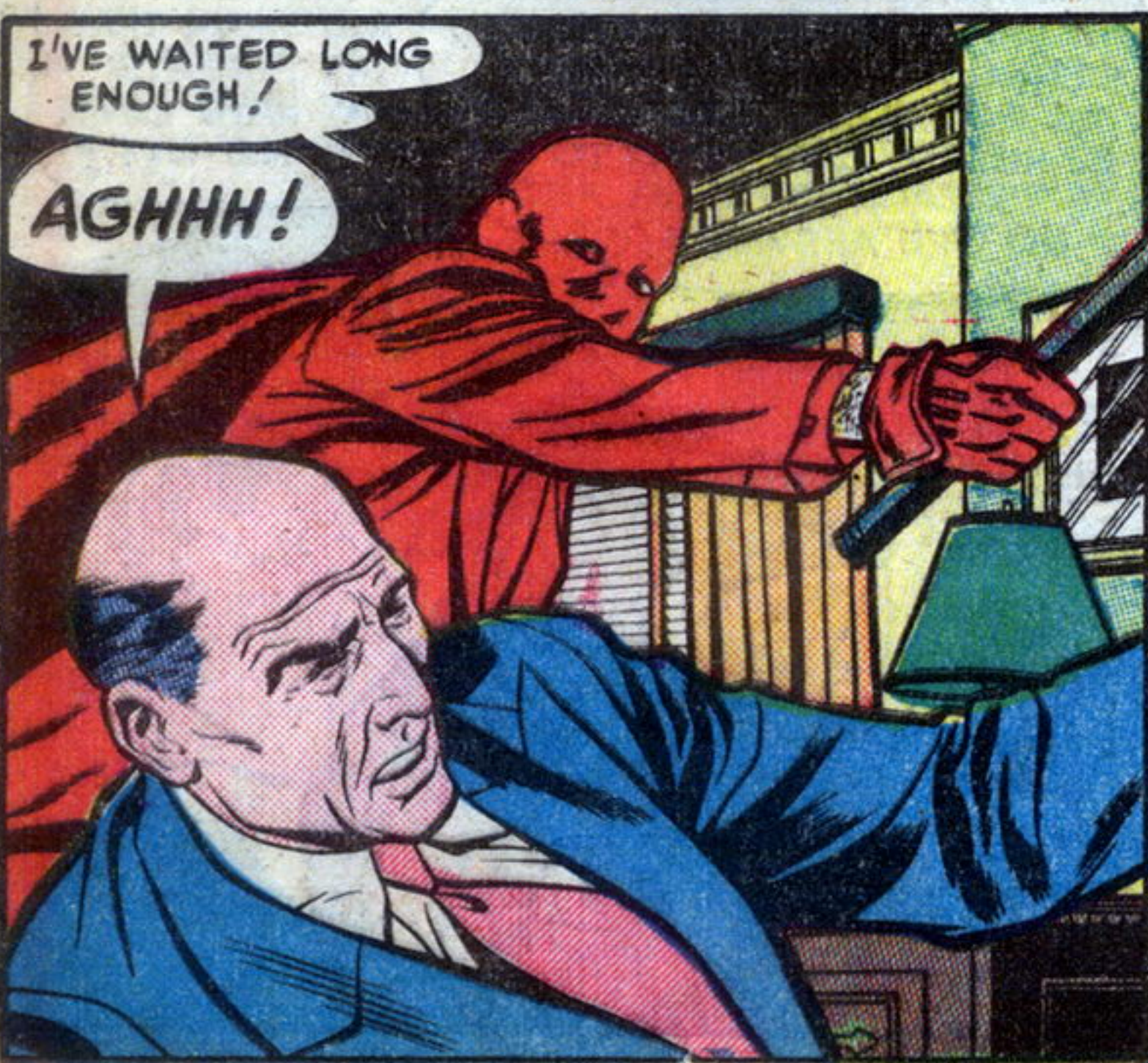
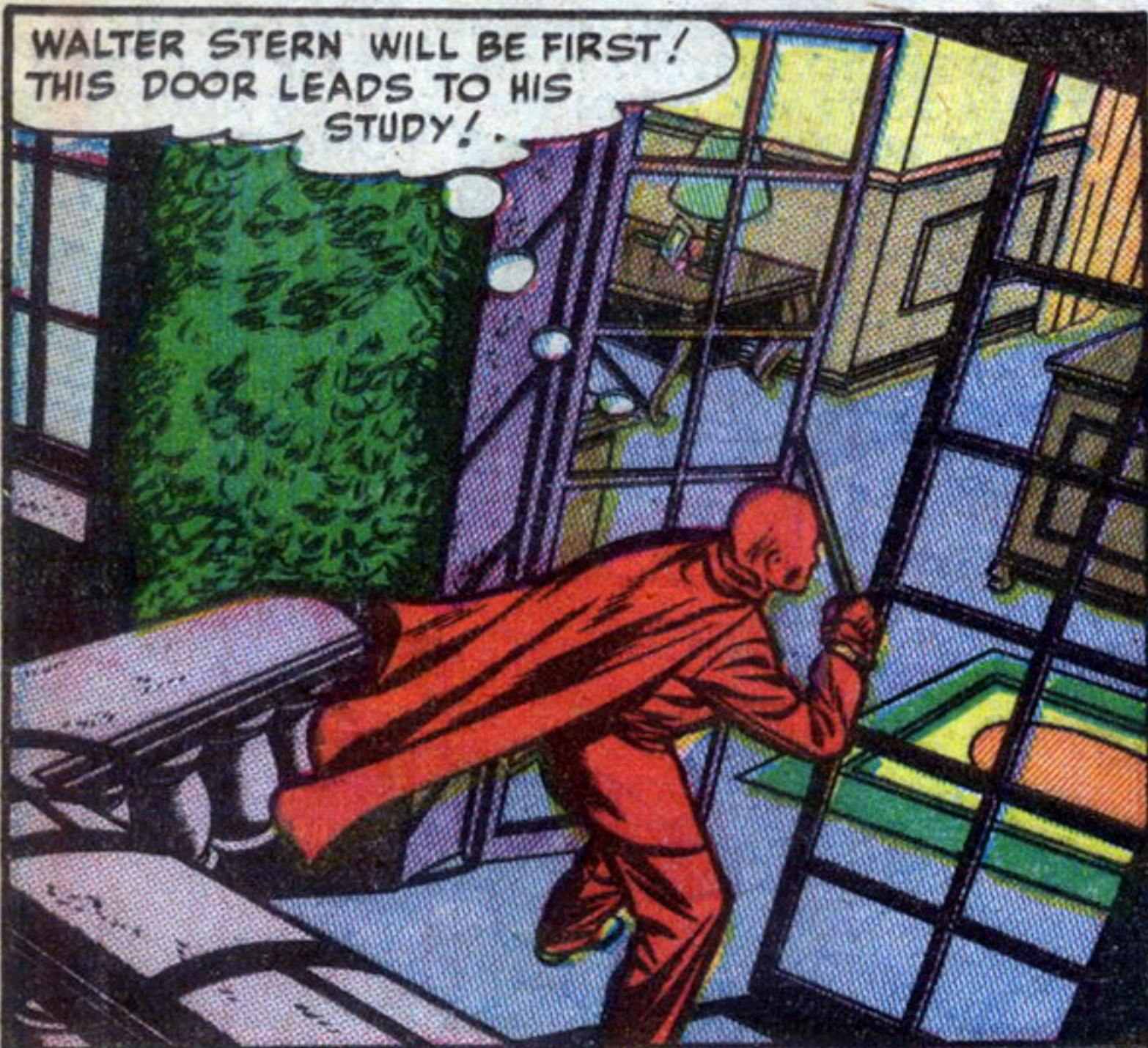


Inspector DENVER

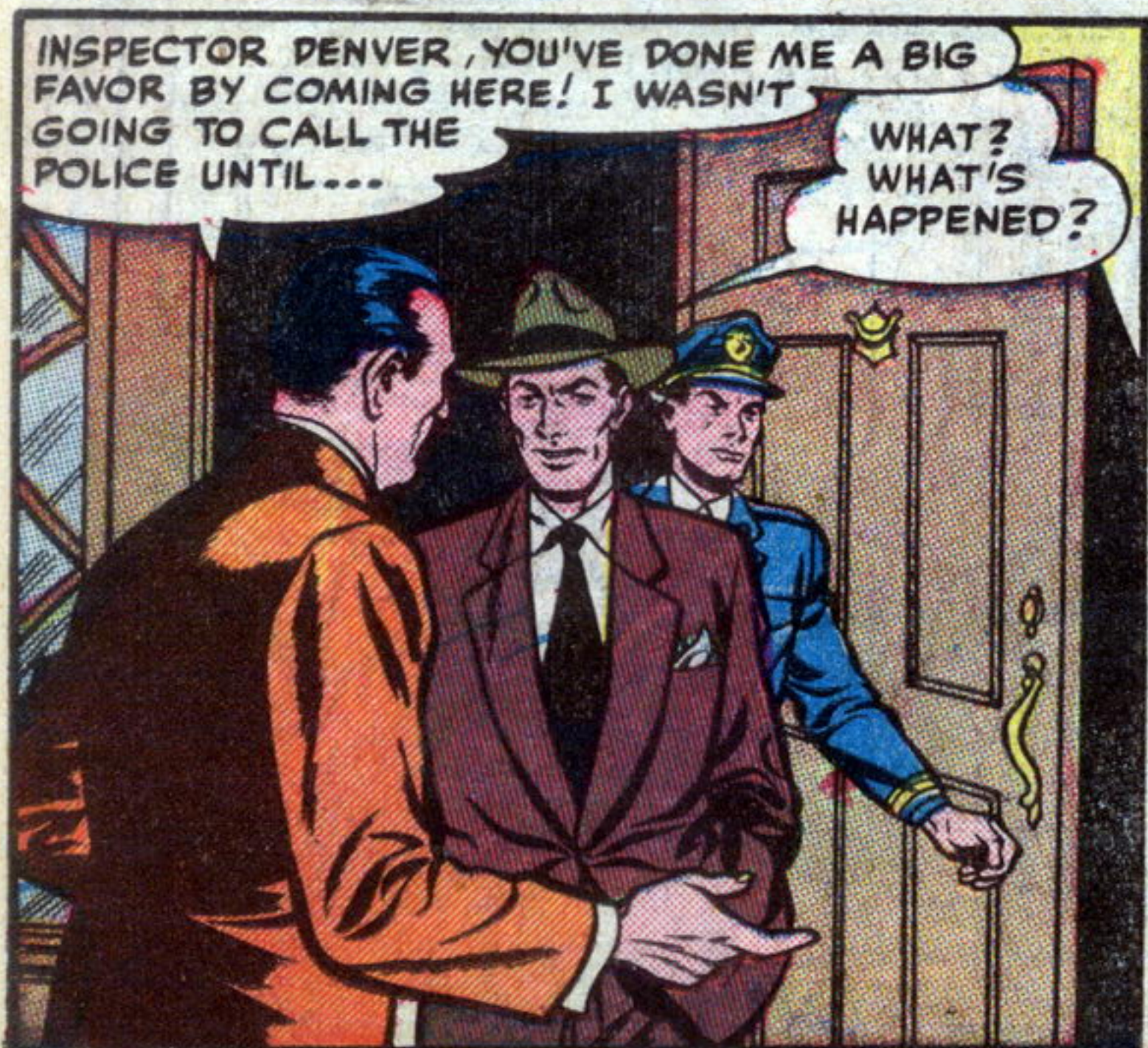
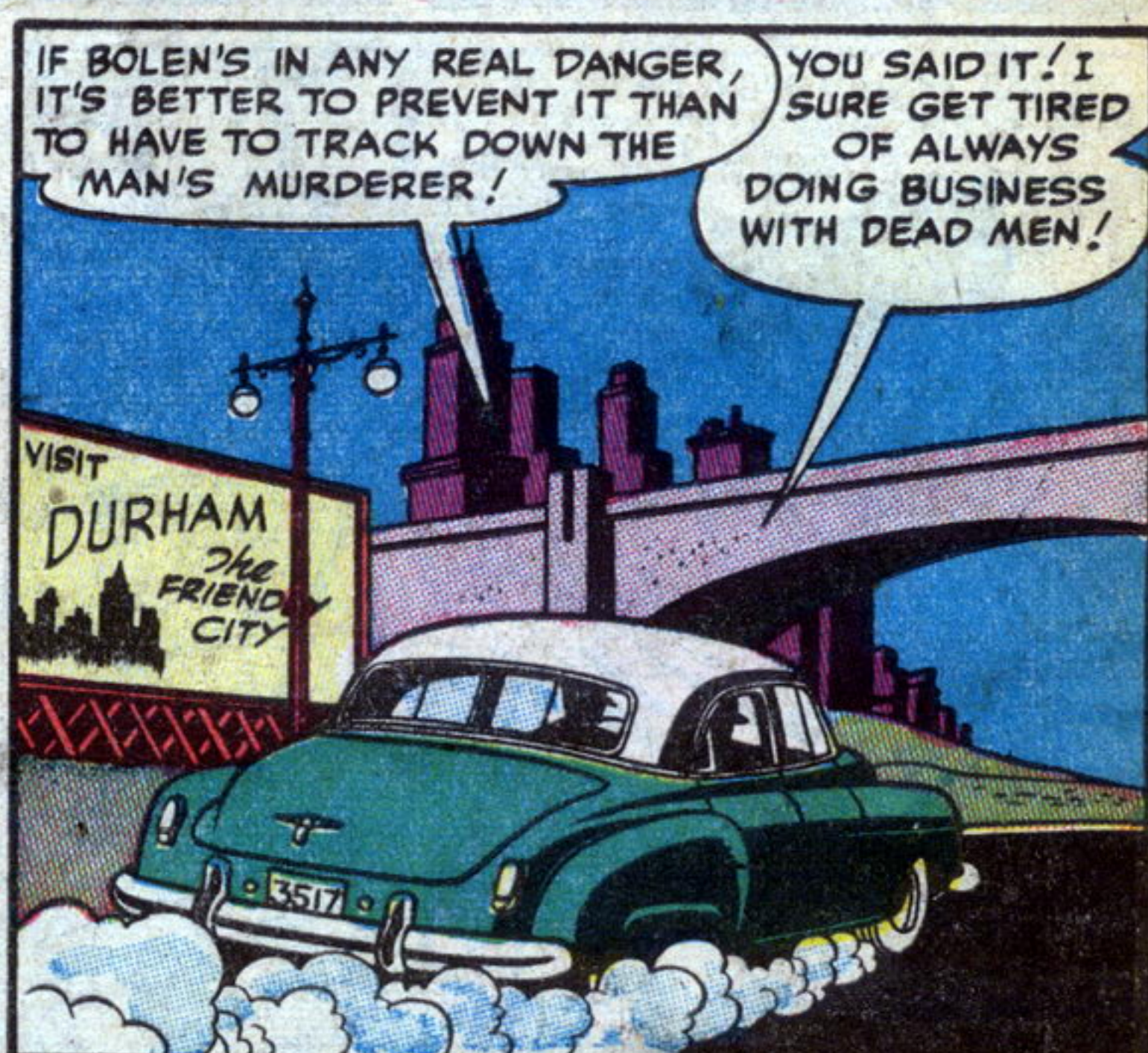
IN ALL HIS YEARS OF POLICE WORK, INSPECTOR MARTY DENVER OF HOMICIDE HAD NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANYTHING AS BIZARRE AS THIS... A BRAZEN KILLER WHO WARNED HIS VICTIMS OF DEATH AND THEN APPEARED IN RED TO ATTRACT ATTENTION WHEN HE COMMITTED THE CRIME! IT SEEMED LIKE THE WORK OF A MAD MAN, BUT WHO WAS HE? WHO WAS THE **RED AVENGER?**



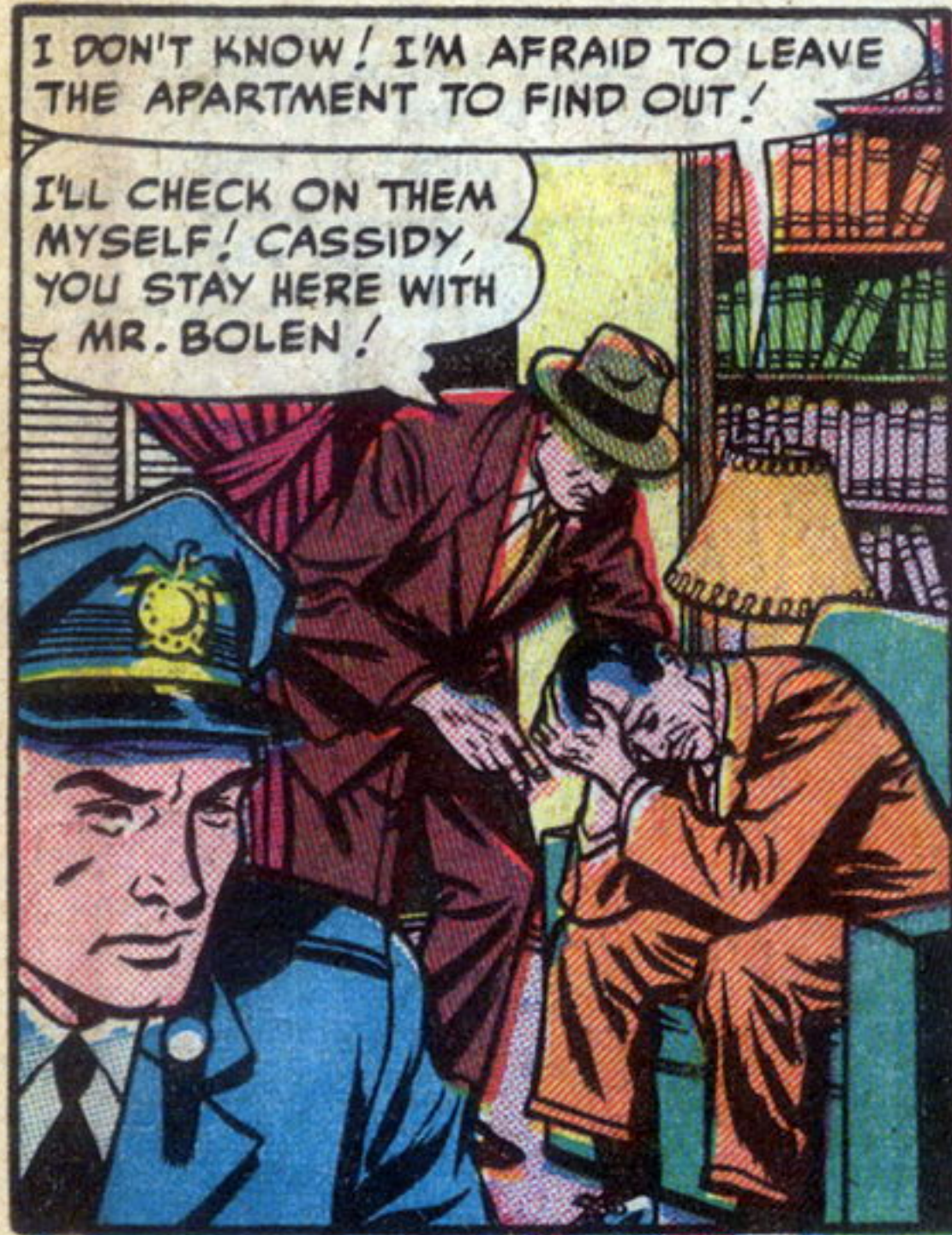
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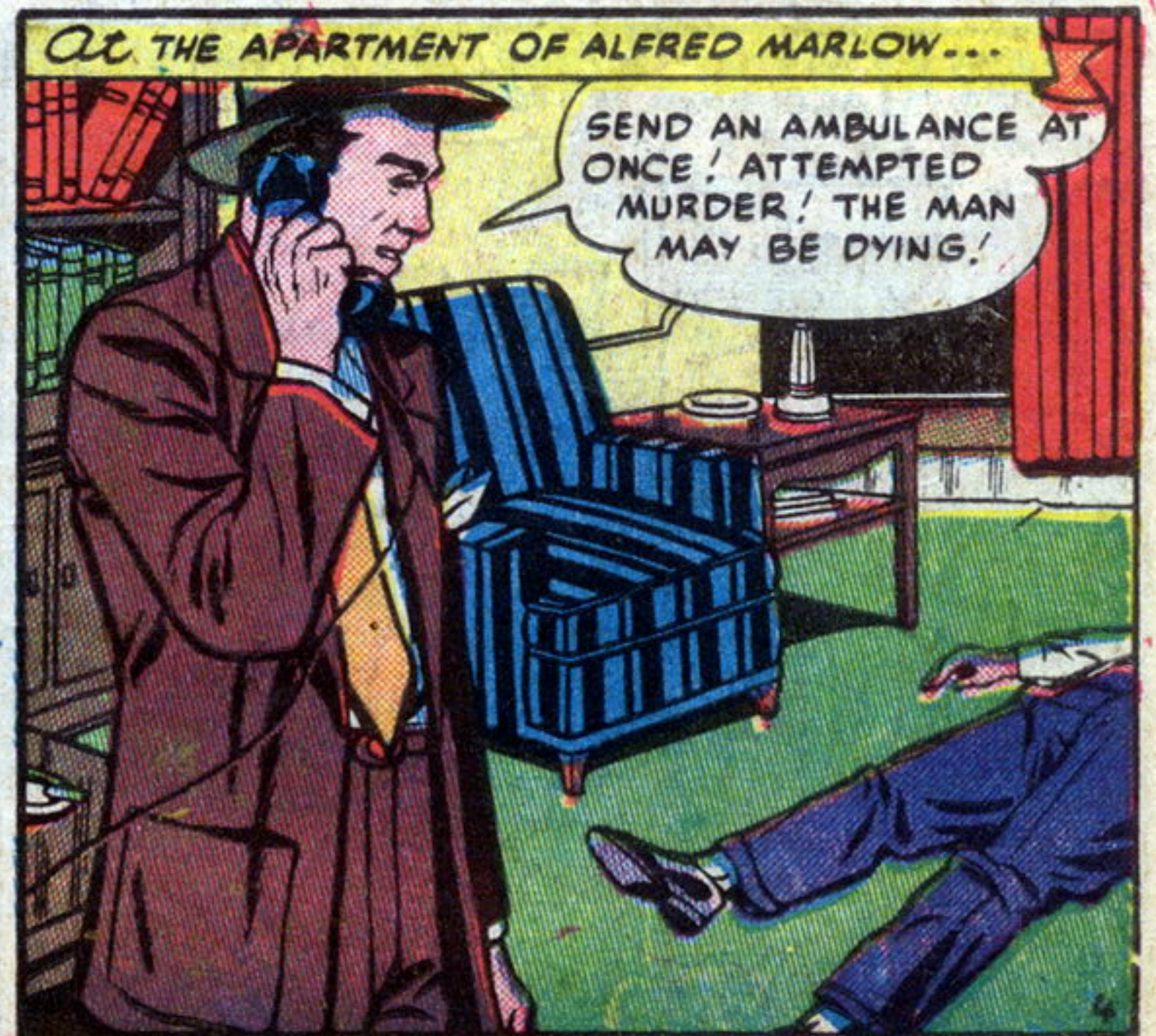
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What
INSPECTOR
DENVER
FOUND
AT
WALTER
STERN'S
WASN'T
PRETTY!
HE
TALKED
TO THE
HOUSE-
KEEPER!



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AS SOON AS THEY GET HERE, I'LL GO BACK TO BOLEN'S PLACE! MAYBE HE CAN THROW A LITTLE LIGHT ON THE RED AVENGER!



BACK AT BOLEN'S APARTMENT...

HOLY MACKERAL! WHAT'S THAT?

WHACK!



WHAT'S WRONG, CASSIDY?

I DON'T KNOW, BOSS! BUT I'D SAY YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!

OHHHH!



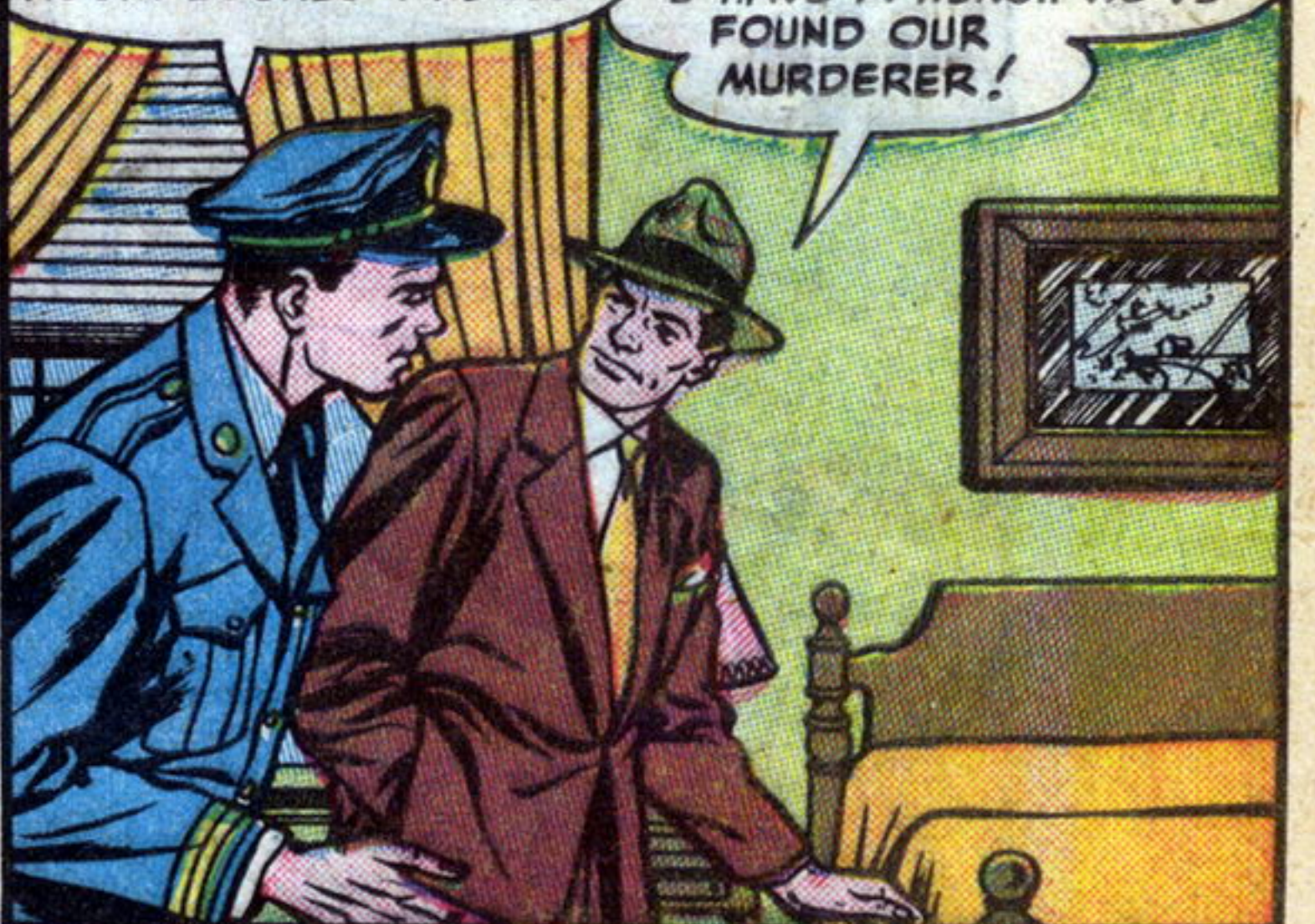
THE DOORS ARE OPEN! AND A RED HOOD'S HERE!

AND A PIECE OF LEAD PIPE! BOLEN'S GOT A NICE DENT ON THE FRONT OF HIS HEAD!



GEE, MARTY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO FALL DOWN ON THE JOB! HE WAS SUPPOSED TO KEEP HIS ROOM LOCKED AND...

YOU DID YOUR JOB ALL RIGHT! SEARCH THE ROOM TO SEE IF YOU CAN FIND A RED CLOAK! I HAVE A HUNCH WE'VE FOUND OUR MURDERER!



I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT!

ARE YOU ACCUSING ME?

YES! AND ARRESTING YOU FOR MURDER!



MARLOW RECOVERED! BOLEN ADMITTED HIS GUILT! THE PARTNERS HAD BEEN MAKING PLENTY OF MONEY AND WITH THEM DEAD, BOLEN STOOD TO TAKE OVER THE BUSINESS BY HIMSELF! LATER, IN INSPECTOR DENVER'S OFFICE...

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, MARTY, IS HOW YOU KNEW THAT BOLEN HAD KNOCKED HIMSELF ON THE HEAD!

THERE WERE DENTS ON HIS FOREHEAD THAT MATCHED WITH CARVING ON THE BED POST! DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS! A CLUE LIKE THAT IS ENOUGH TO CONVICT A MAN!



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A COUNTRY TRIES A MOCK INVASION?



SEE THE **BLACKHAWKS**
CAUGHT IN A TRAP
THEY NEVER EXPECTED!

SEE THE TRAGEDY
THAT BEFALLS A
DEMOCRATIC NATION WHEN
THE UNSUSPECTED DRILL
TURNS INTO THE REAL
THING!

**SEE THIS TIMELY
ADVENTURE IN**



"THE INCREDIBLE INVASION"

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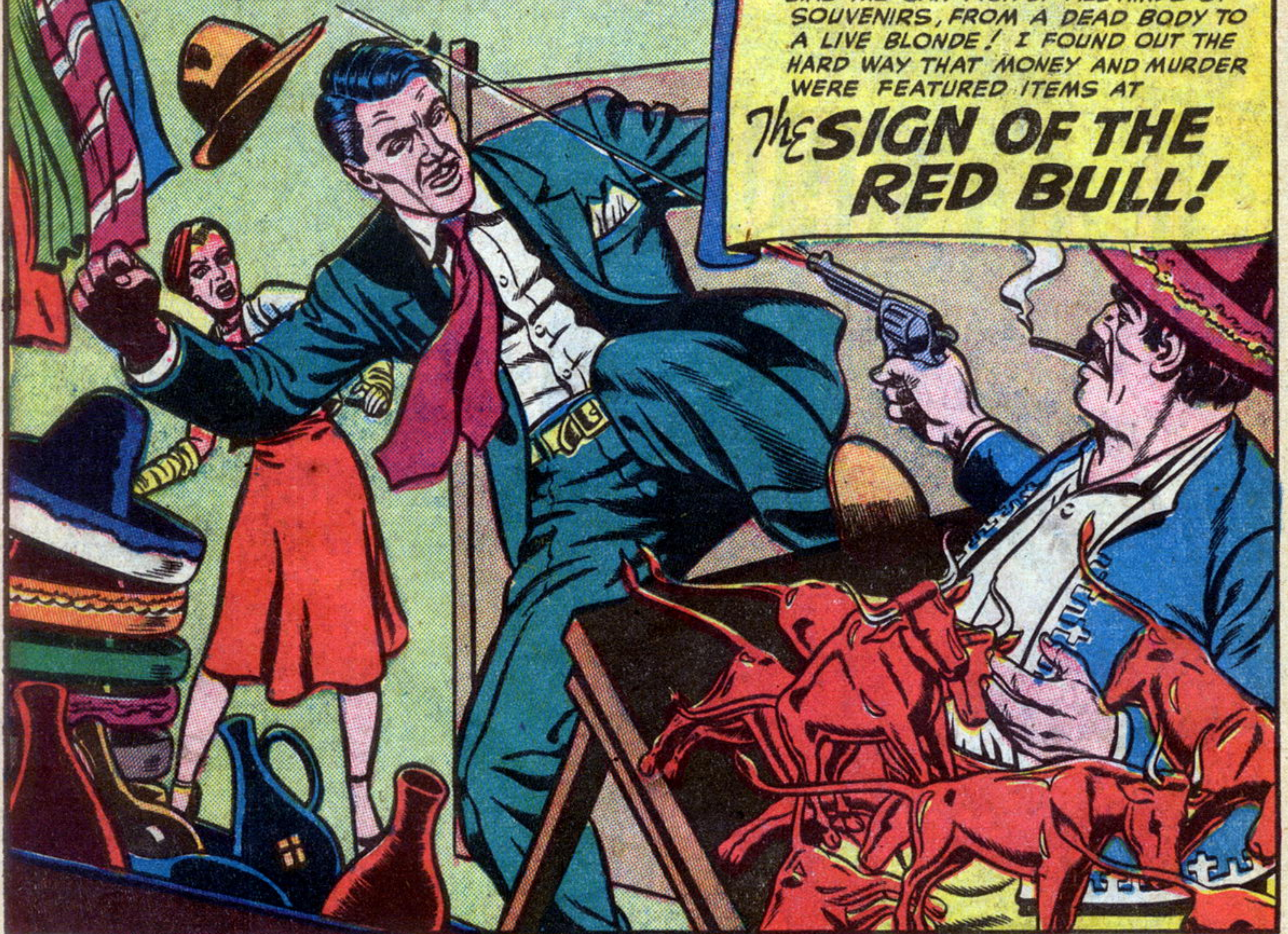
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DON'T MISS IT! IT'S HOT!

T-MAN

LOS ANGELES AND SAN DIEGO HAD BEEN RAKED WITH A FINE-TOOTH COMB, BUT NOWHERE COULD T-MEN FIND THE SOURCE OF THE PHONY TEN-SPOTS THAT HAD FLOODED THE AREA! THEN A TIP SENT ME FLYING TO TIJUANA, WHERE CURIO SHOPS LINE THE STREETS AND WHERE AN OVER-CURIOUS VISITOR LIKE ME CAN PICK UP ALL KINDS OF SOUVENIRS, FROM A DEAD BODY TO A LIVE BLONDE! I FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY THAT MONEY AND MURDER WERE FEATURED ITEMS AT

The SIGN OF THE RED BULL!



LOOK AT IT, PETE! PHONY AS A HAM ACTOR'S DICTION, BUT ONLY AN EXPERT WOULD KNOW IT!

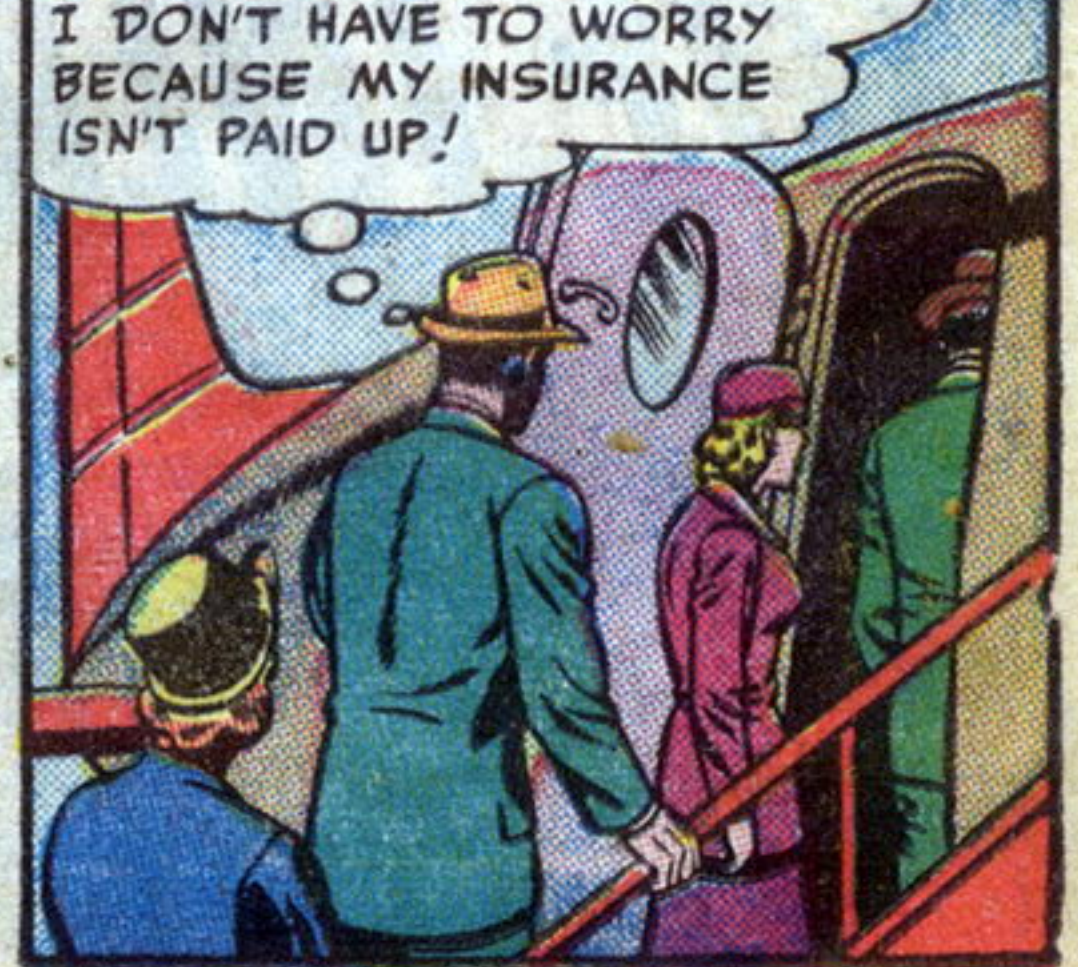
AND ONLY ONE ENGRAVER COULD HAVE TURNED OUT THIS SAWBUCK! SHEP STEVENS! BUT HE'S TOO HOT TO TRY OPERATING HERE!

WE'VE HAD WORD HE'S IN TIJUANA, BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN HOW THIS BOGUS LETTUCE GETS ACROSS THE BORDER! I'VE BEEN THINKING YOU COULD USE A VACATION IN MEXICO, PETE!

I GET IT! ONLY INSTEAD OF WATCHING THE JAI ALAI GAMES, I PLAY PEEK-A-BOO WITH SHEP STEVENS!

SO, EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, I TACKLED WHAT PROMISED TO BE A HO-HUM CASE!

I PINCHED SHEP ONCE IN KANSAS CITY! ABOUT THE PLEASANTEST CROOK IN THE BUSINESS! THIS IS ONE TIME I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY BECAUSE MY INSURANCE ISN'T PAID UP!



POLICE COMICS

I CHECKED IN AT A TIJUANA HOTEL WHERE SHEP WAS KNOWN TO HANG OUT, BUT CLUES THERE WERE SCARCER THAN FOOTBALL HELMETS IN AN OLD LADIES' HOME! I NOSED AROUND AT THE RACE TRACK NEXT!



SHEP ALWAYS LIKED THE BANGTAILS! MAYBE IF I KEEP MY EYEBALLS PEELED, I'LL... OH-OH!

LEMME ALONE, YOU HOOLIGAN, OR I'LL CALL A COP!



YOU CALL A COP? NOW, AIN'T THAT A LAUGH? C'MON, BABY, YOU AND ME CAN HAVE A GREAT TIME TOGETHER IF... HEY!

IS THIS LITTLE BOY GIVING YOU TROUBLE, LADY?



YOU NOSEY RAT! I'LL...

MY! HE'S AWFUL TOUGH FOR HIS YEARS, ISN'T HE, MADAM?



THAT'S ALL I... ARGH!

I THINK IT'S TIME FOR THE LITTLE FELLA'S NAP!



THANKS, MISTER! I GUESS AFTER THAT WE BOTH NEED A LITTLE SOMETHING TO RESTORE OUR NERVES!

SURE! SURE, HONEY, WHY NOT?

I NEVER PASSED UP A CHANCE TO MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE, ESPECIALLY WHEN A DOLL HAS EXPRESSIVE SHOULDER BLADES AND SMELLS OF VIOLET COLOGNE! BUT I MADE SURE THAT COOKIE GOT NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT ME BEING A MILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY!



...SO I DROPPED THREE MONTHS SAVINGS ON SWASHBUCKLE IN THE THIRD! I'LL BE BACK IN L.A. SELLING SHOES NEXT WEEK!

BROKE, EH? MAYBE I CAN PAY BACK THE FAVOR YOU JUST DID FOR ME! I HOPE YOU DROVE ACROSS THE BORDER?



ER... YEAH! YEAH, I DID! WHY?

HERE! YOU CAN EARN A QUICK FIFTY AT THIS ADDRESS! JUST TELL THE... ER... GENTLEMAN NEVA SENT YOU!



HEY, WAIT! WON'T I SEE YOU AGAIN?

SORRY, HANDSOME! I'M LEAVIN' TONIGHT! THE TIJUANA TEMPERATURE'S TOO HOT FOR ME, IF Y'KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

POLICE COMICS

The CARD NEVA HAD HANDED ME BORE NOTHING BUT THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EL TORRO ROJO, THE RED BULL SOUVENIR SHOP! I HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT BY THE TIME I STUMBLED INTO MY HOTEL!



I WAS MUMBLING SOMETHING UN-FLATTERING ABOUT MYSELF WHEN THE DOOR FLEW OPEN AND...



Any OTHER TIME I'D HAVE FOUND OUT WHAT THOSE GORILLAS WERE UP TO! BUT I WAS BUSHED! SO BUSHED THAT AN HOUR LATER!

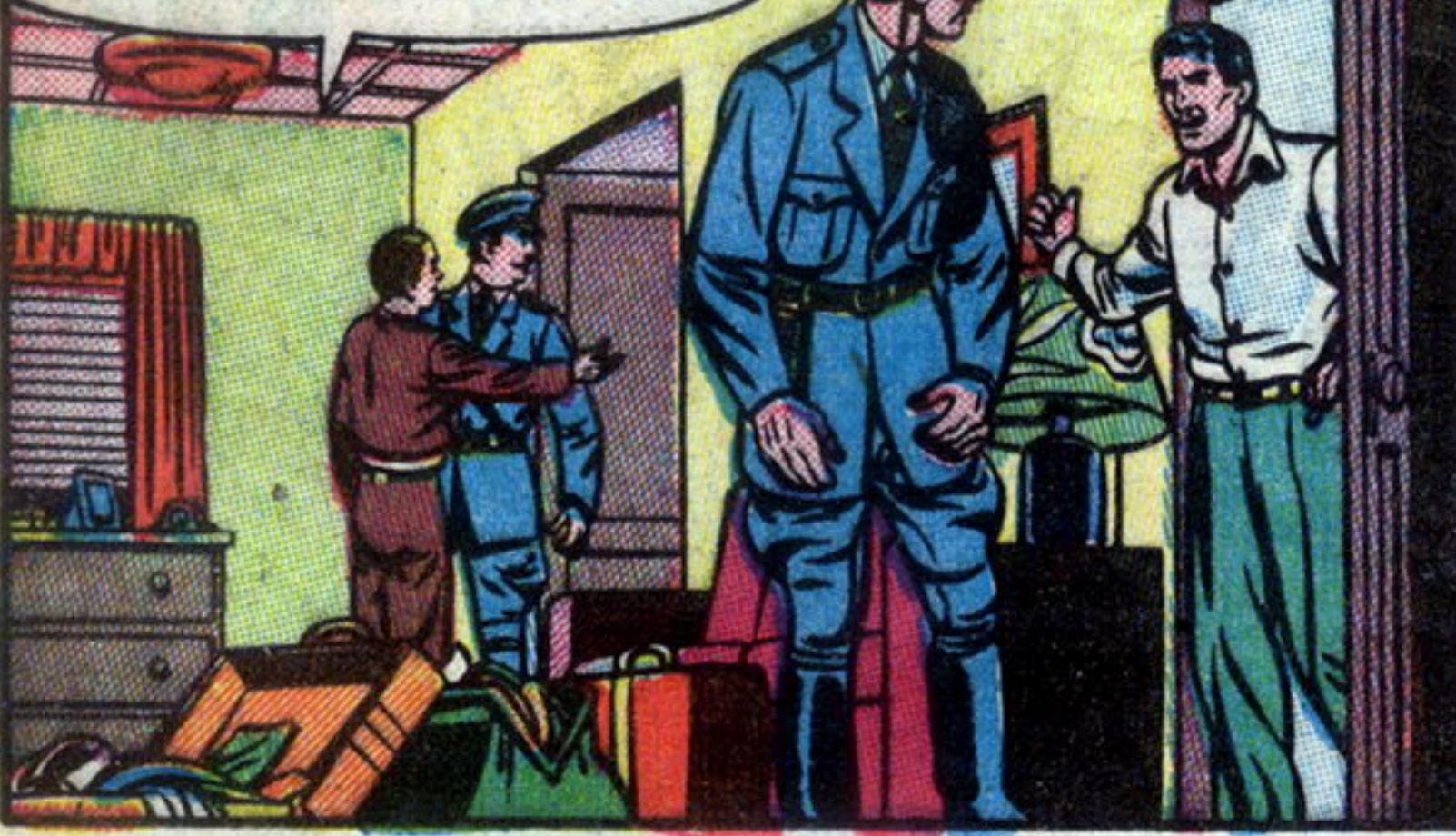


POLICE COMICS

THE RACKET IN THE NEXT ROOM WAS MADE BY A PARTY... A PARTY OF COPS WITH A BODY AS THE MAIN ATTRACTION!

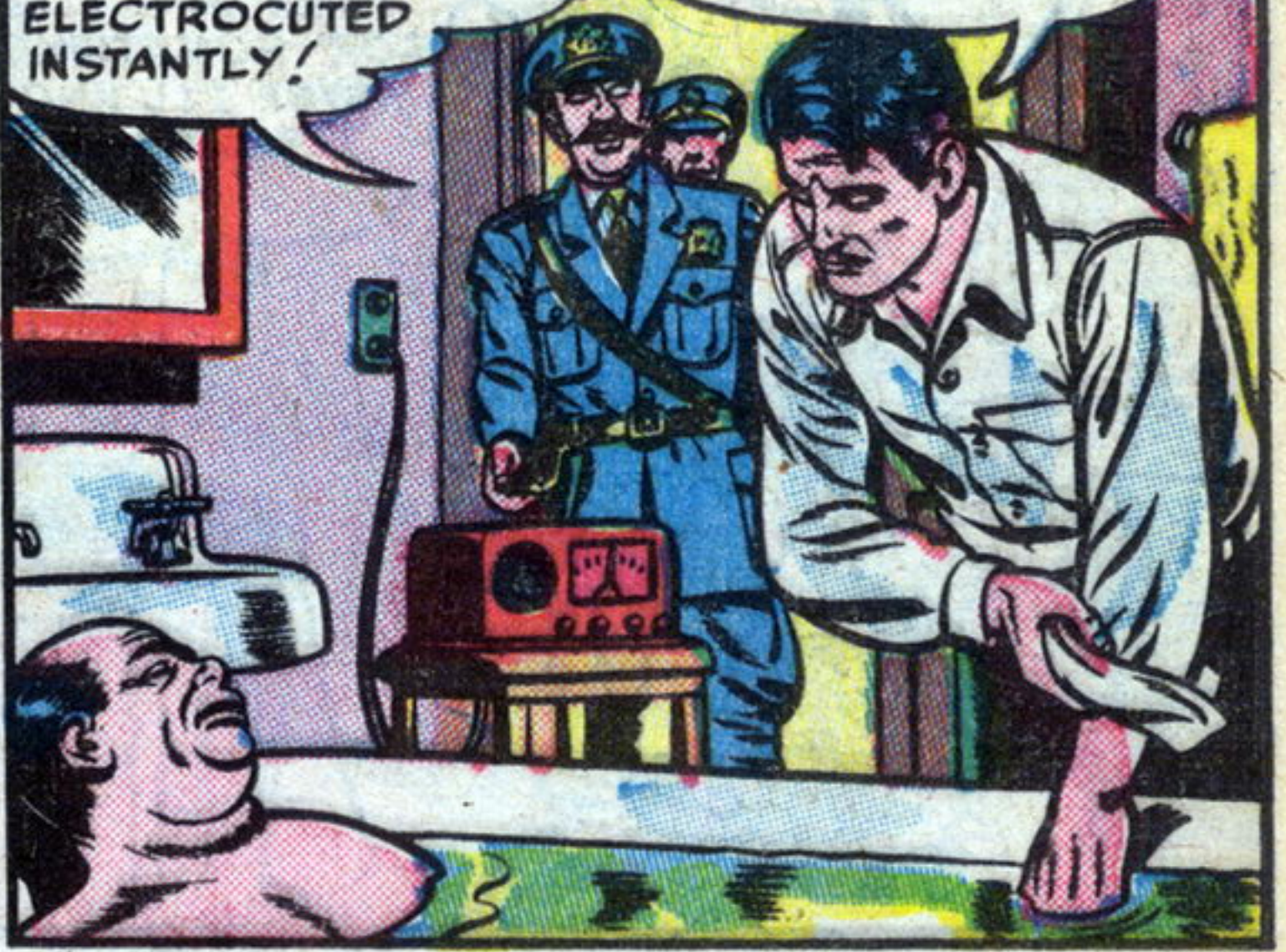
SENOR LAWSON, HE WANT I SHOULD COME OPP TO GETTING HIS BAGS AT TWO O'CLOCK! I FIND HIM EEN BATHTUB LIKE YOU SEE!

I'M PETE TRASK, U.S. TREASURY AGENT! MIND IF I LOOK AROUND!



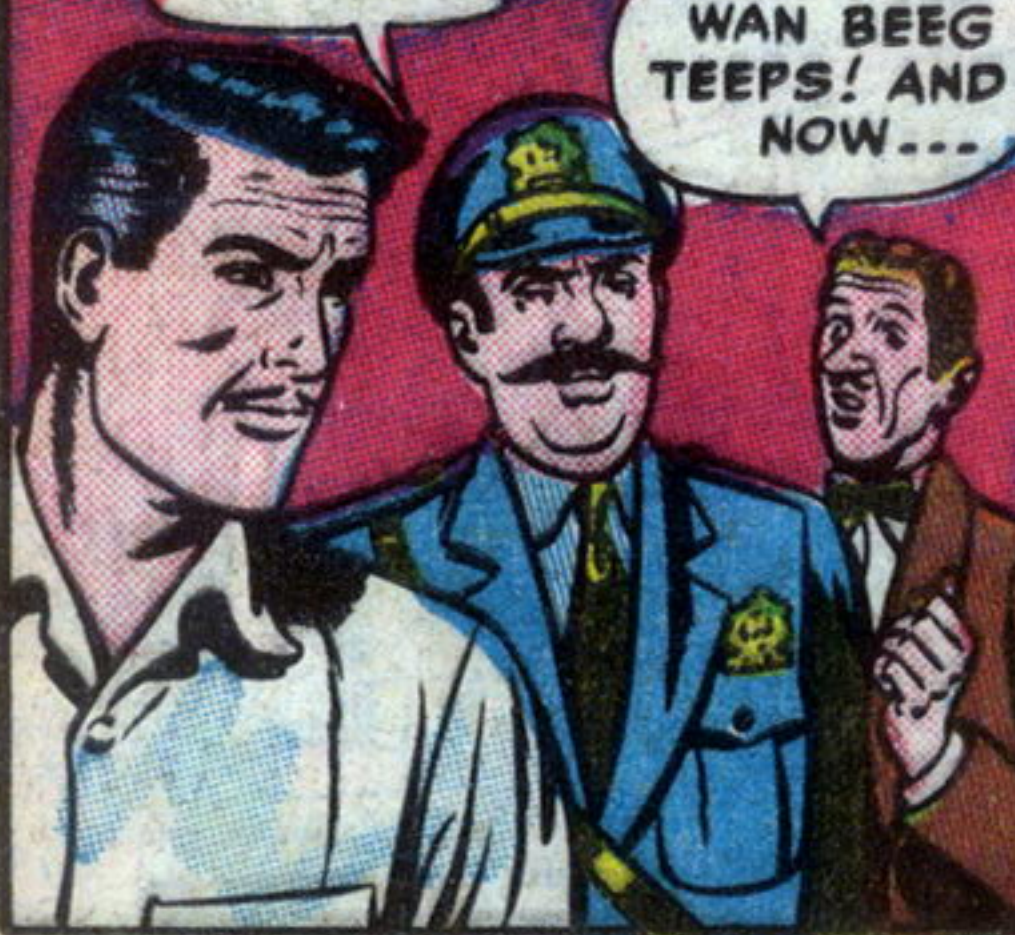
A SAD ACCIDENT TO SEE! SENOR LAWSON TURNED ON HIS RADIO WHILE TAKING A BATH! HE MUST HAVE BEEN ELECTROCUTED INSTANTLY!

THE WATER'S STILL WARM! THAT MEANS HE WAS TAKING A BATH AFTER ONE IN THE MORNING!



NOT SO UNUSUAL FOR A MAN CONTEMPLATING A TRIP! HIS BAGS ARE PACKED, AS YOU SEE, AND HE HAD LEFT AN ORDER FOR THE BOY TO CARRY THEM DOWN AT TWO!

MR. LAWSON LEEV HERE LONG TIME! ALWAYS GEEV ME WAN BEEG TEEPS! AND NOW...



A LONG-TIME RESIDENT, AND YET HE TRIED TUNING HIS RADIO TO A TIJUANA STATION...

OUR LOCAL STATIONS GO OFF AT MIDNIGHT! HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT!



GIVE HIM THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT AND SAY HE WAS TUNING IN SAN DIEGO! THAT WON'T EXPLAIN THE LUMP ON HIS HEAD! MAYBE YOUR CORONER WILL TELL YOU HE WAS DEAD BEFORE THE CURRENT RAN THROUGH HIM!

SI, SENOR TRASK! WE WOULD NEVER HAVE SUSPECTED!

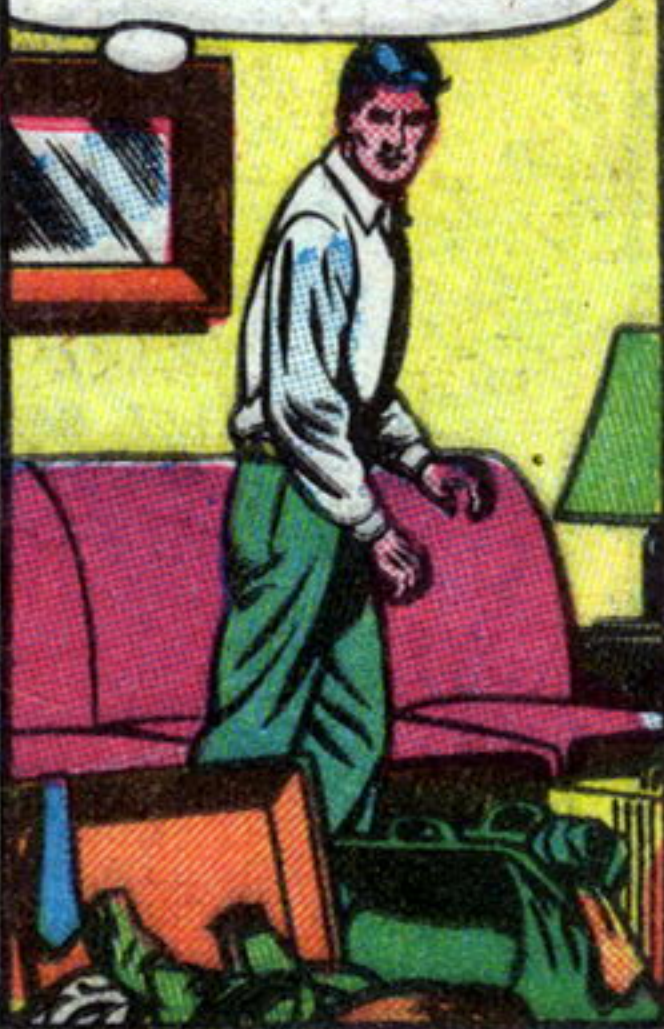


WHILE THE OFFICERS WENT TO WORK ON THAT HAPPY THOUGHT, I DID A QUICK FOUR-FINGER JOB ON SOME CHOICE SOUVENIRS! YOU SEE, I HAD SUDDENLY BECOME VERY INTERESTED IN THE CASE!

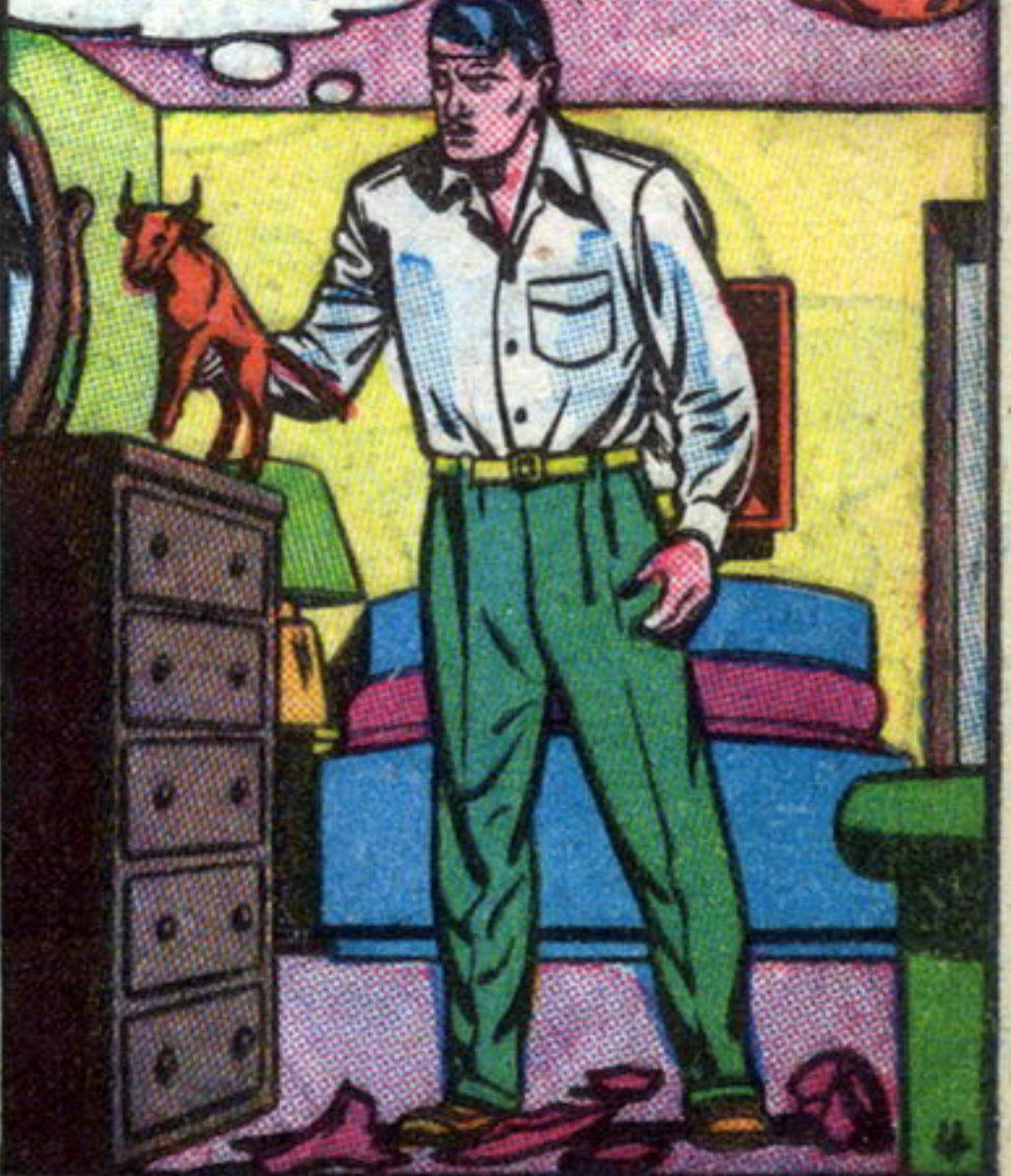
THESE LOCAL GENDARMES KNOW MORE THAN THEY LET ON! THEY MIGHT CALL THE BATHTUB KID MR. LAWSON... BUT FIVE'D GET YOU TEN THEY KNOW HIS REAL NAME! THAT'S SHEP STEVENS!



SOMEBODY RIFLED THROUGH THESE SUITCASES! SNIFF! SOMEBODY WHO LEFT A FAMILIAR SCENT OF VIOLET COLOGNE BEHIND!



AND THIS CROCKERY WAS BROKEN FOR A REASON! OH-OH! THIS THING RATTLES!



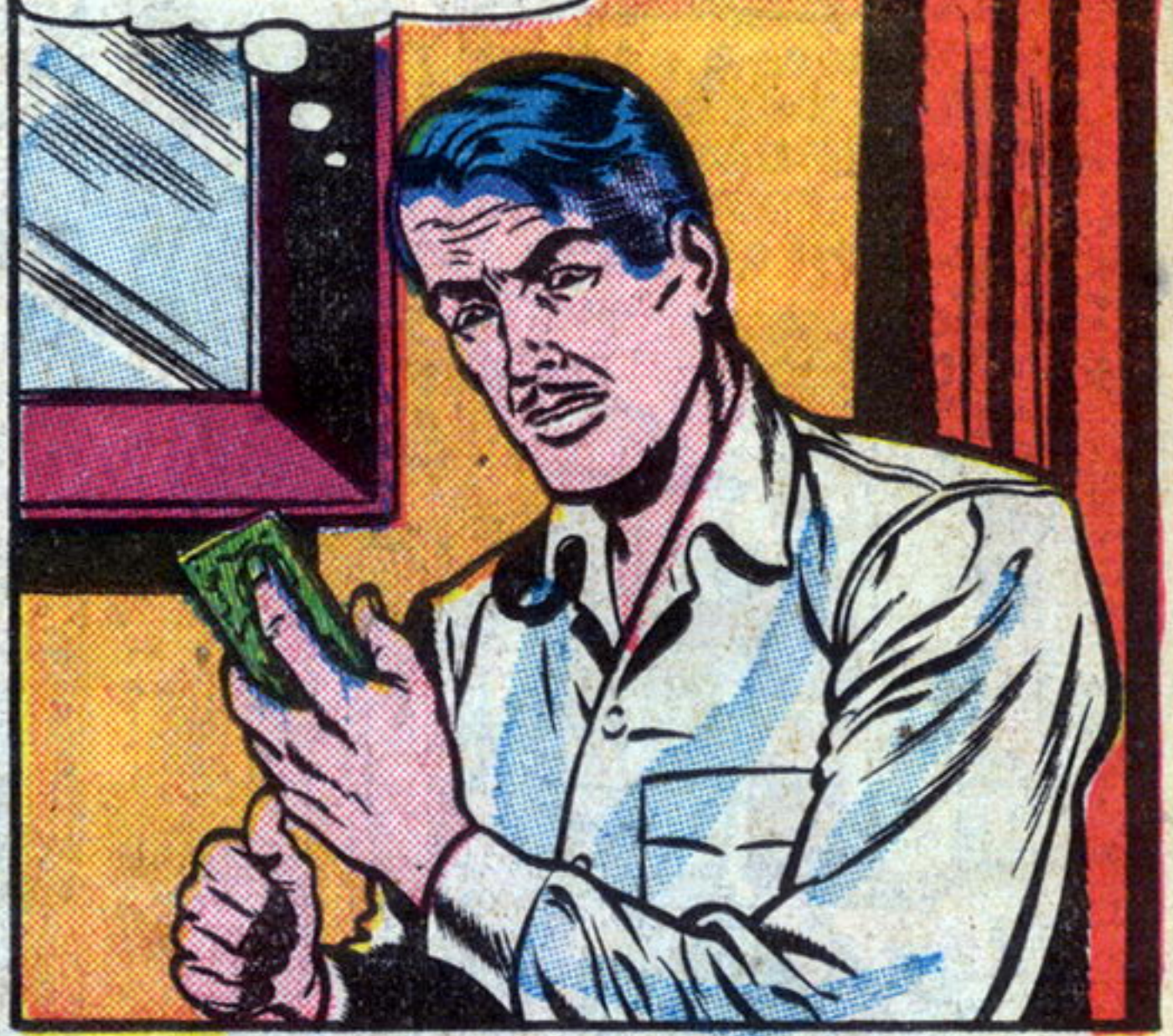
POLICE COMICS

THE TIJUANA COPS ARE PLENTY SHARP AND PLENTY CAGEY! BUT I MANAGED TO SMUGGLE THE RED CLAY BULL FROM SHEP STEVENS' ROOM!



WHOEVER KILLED SHEP WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING! MAYBE I'LL KNOW WHEN I SMASH THIS!

KEE-RISTOPHER! IT'S A PRINTING PLATE! SHEP'S MASTERPIECE FOR TURNING OUT THOSE TEN-SPOTS!



SLOWLY, THE GEARS IN MY BRAIN BEGAN TO MESH! THE RED BULL! EASY MONEY! VIOLET COLOGNE! NINE O'CLOCK TOOK FOREVER TO ARRIVE!



JUST ANOTHER JUNK STALL! BUT EVEN A NURSERY SCHOOL CAN BE A FRONT FOR A COUNTERFEITING RING!

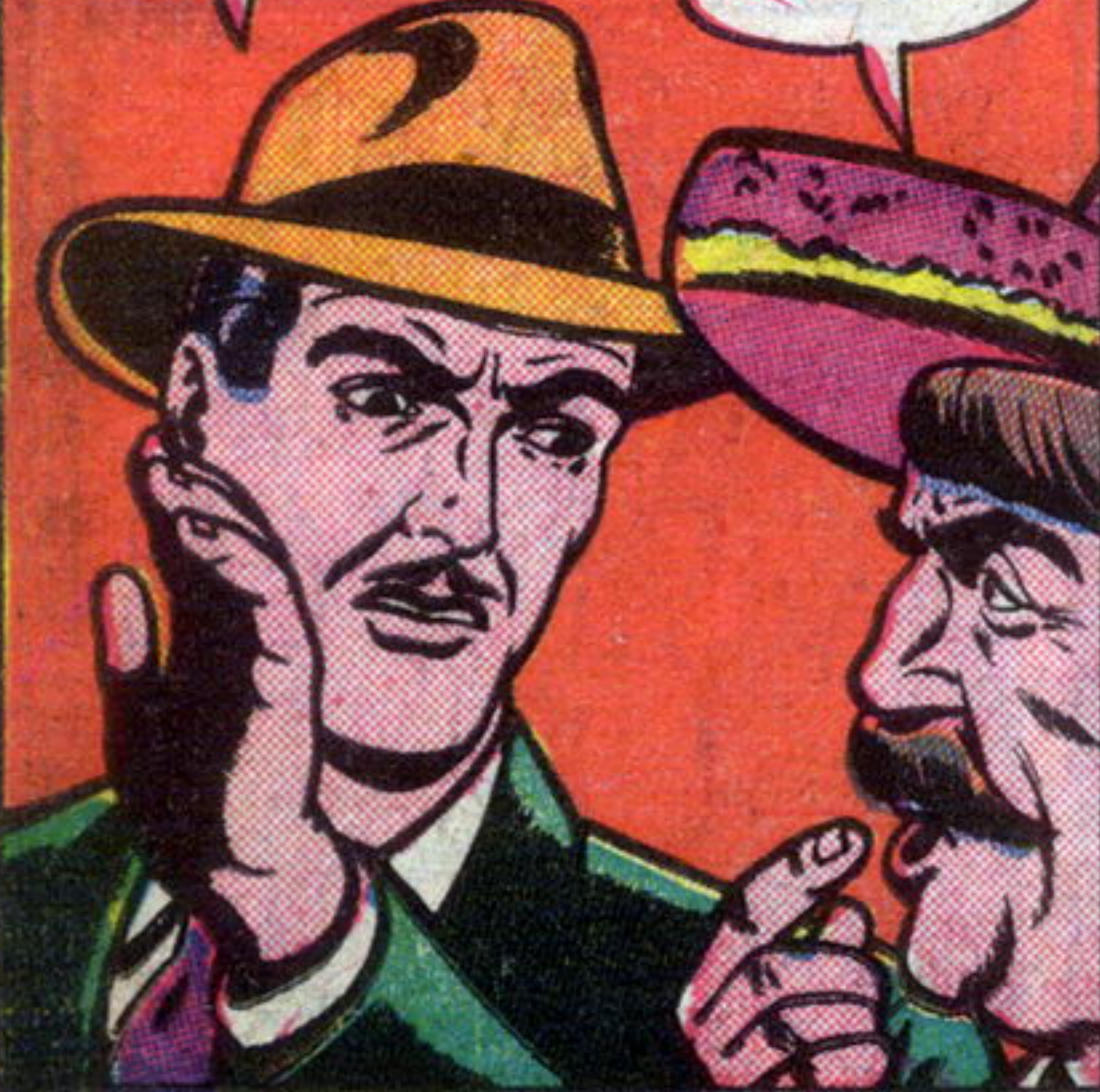
NICE LEATHER PURSE FOR A LADY-FRIEND, SENOR? GOT GOOD PARIS PERFUME, NO TAX! YOU BUY FROM SAVIO, EVERYTHING CHEAP!

WHAT KIND OF BARGAINS HAVE YOU GOT IN MONEY, CHUM?



NEVA TOLD ME I COULD PICK UP SOME READY CASH HERE, PROVIDING I PLAYED BALL!

NEVA? YOU MAKE MISTAKE, SENOR! I HAVE NEVER HEAR THIS NAME!



I SELL GOOD SOUVENIR! FROM TAXCO I GOT SILVER PIN, EARRING...

STOW THE SALES-PITCH, TUBBY! I'LL HAVE A LOOK AROUND!

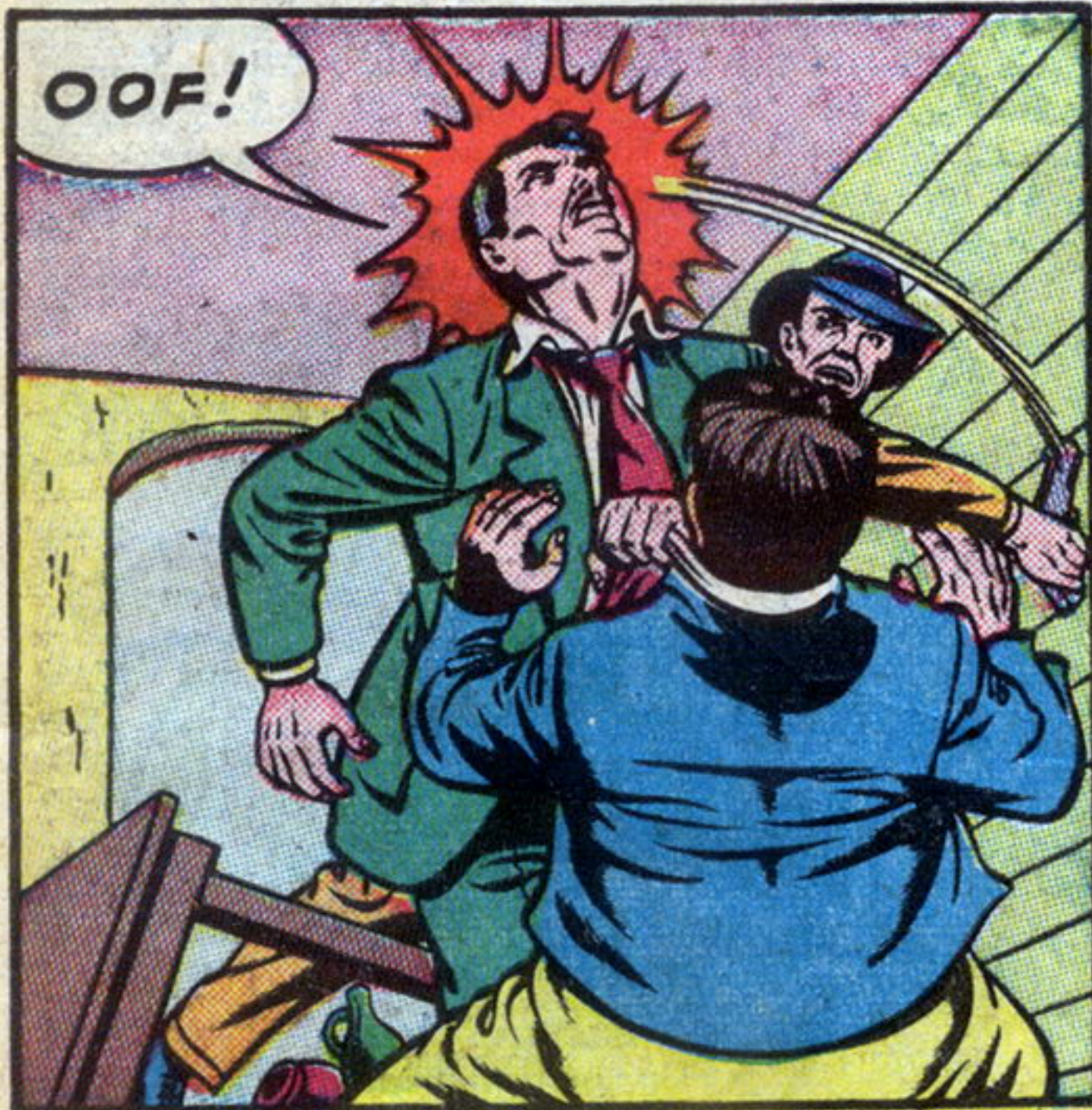


UMM! YOU SELL PIGGY BANKS IN TWO PIECES, OR DO YOU PUT 'EM TOGETHER FOR THE CUSTOMERS... AFTER THEY'RE FILLED?

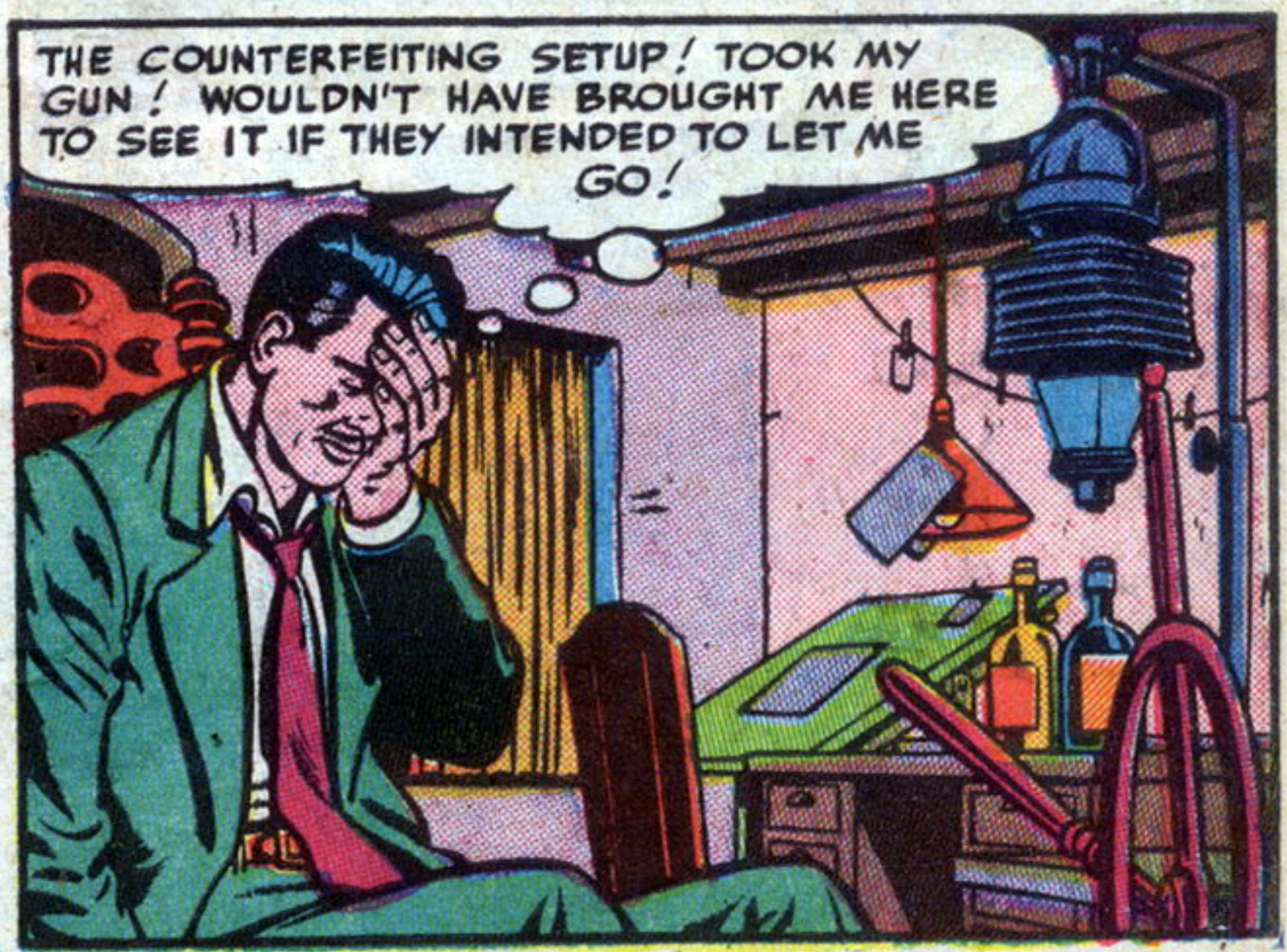
SWINE! YOU TALK TOO MUCH!



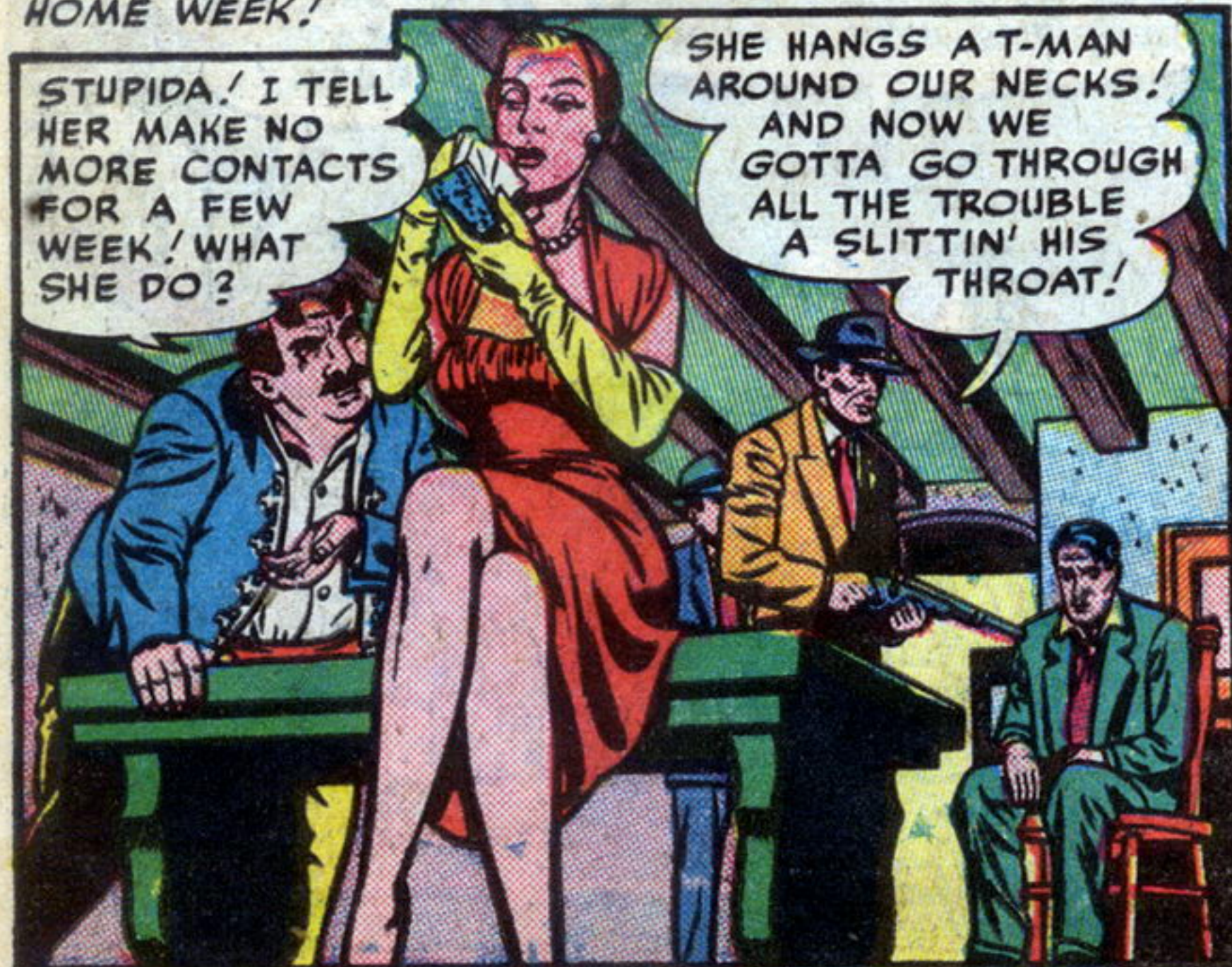
POLICE COMICS



I CAME TO WITH A HEAD THAT FELT LIKE SOMEBODY HAD BEEN USING IT TO COUNTERSINK NAILS!



And ONE LOOK AROUND MADE ME THINK IT WAS OLD HOME WEEK!



POLICE COMICS

MY TIME WAS RUNNING OUT AND I STALLED DESPERATELY!

THEY'LL GET WISE TO YOUR GAME, SAVIO! YOU AND YOUR FLUNKIES HAVE RECORDS IN THE STATES, SO YOU PRINT YOUR BOGUS MONEY HERE!

SI! AND HOW CLEVERLY WE SMUGGLE IT INTO U.S. ALREADY YOU KNOW!

SURE! NEVA CONTACTS A BROKE SUCKER AT THE TRACK! YOU SLIP HIM A LEGIT FIFTY TO TAKE A "SOUVENIR" ACROSS THE BORDER TO YOUR AGENTS IN SAN DIEGO!

BORDER POLICE DO NOT LOOK INSIDE EVERY TRINKET!

BUT ENOUGH! GET RID OF HIM, STEVE!

YEAH! YEAH, WE'LL GO FOR A SHORT RIDE! LET'S GO, MISTER T-MAN!

I WAITED UNTIL WE GOT OUTSIDE! IT WAS THEN OR NEVER!

IT DON'T PAY TO GET TOO NOSEY ABOUT... OOOOF!

HAVE A LITTLE ELBOW, ANGEL EYES!

HEY, YOU... UGH!

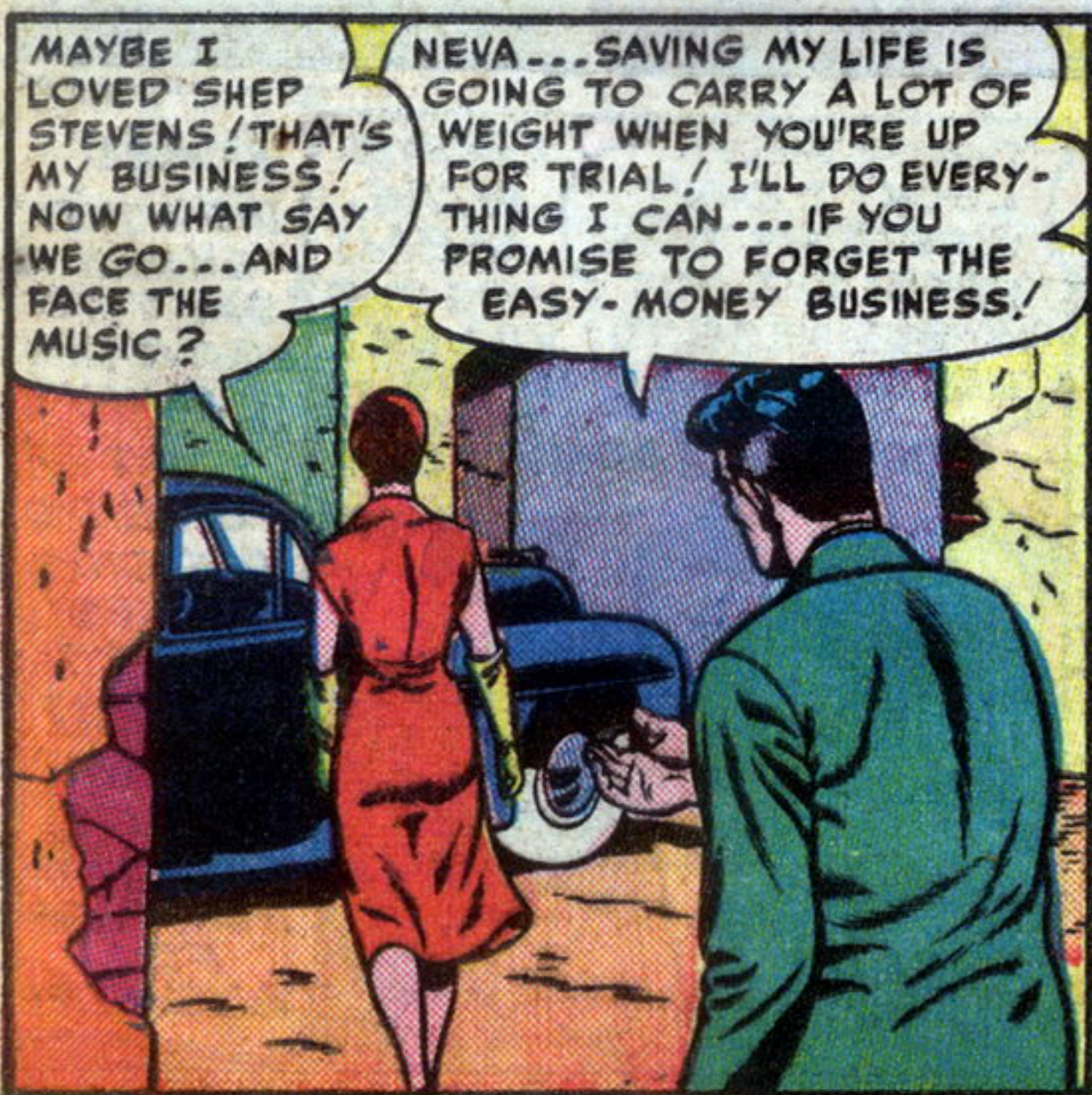
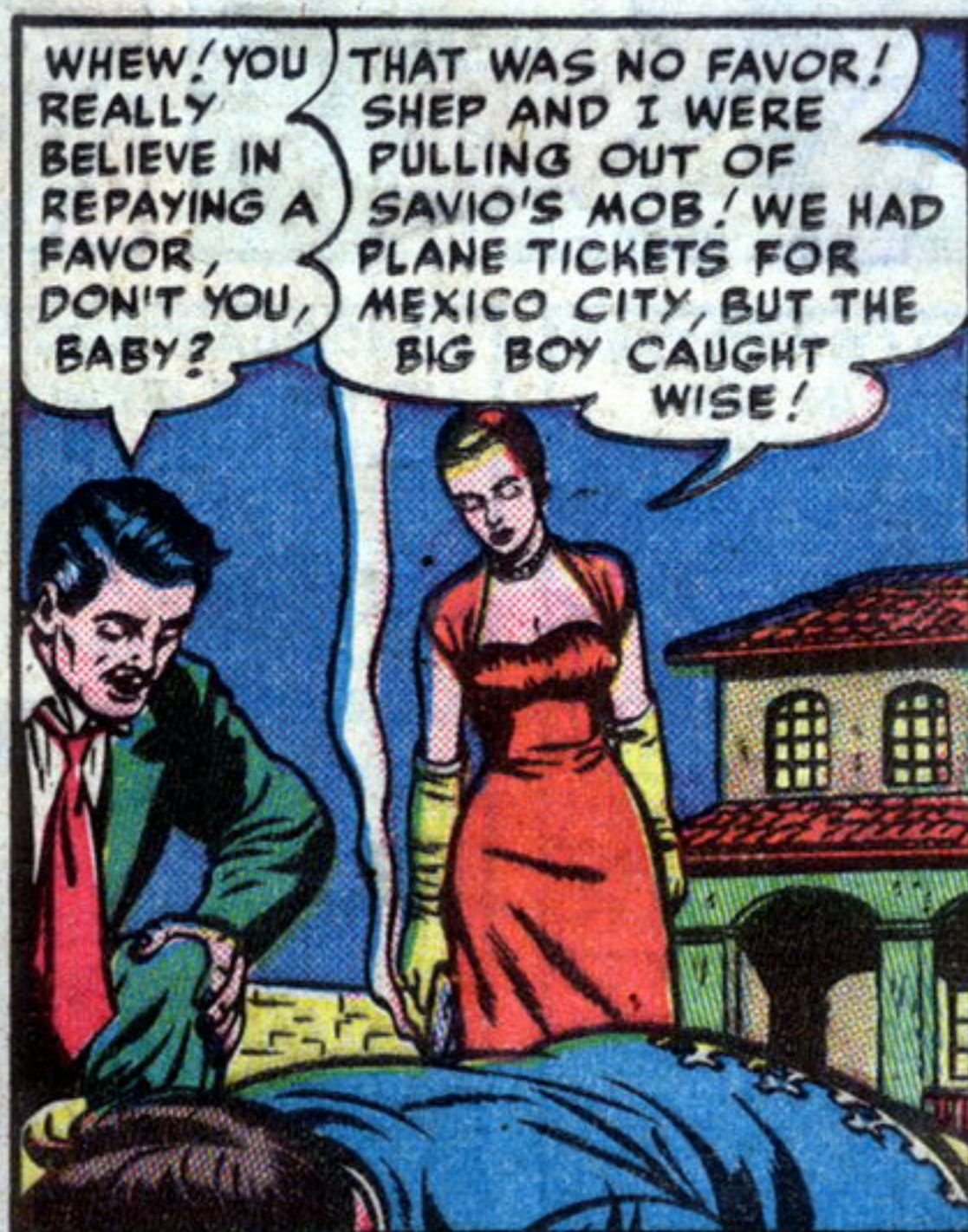
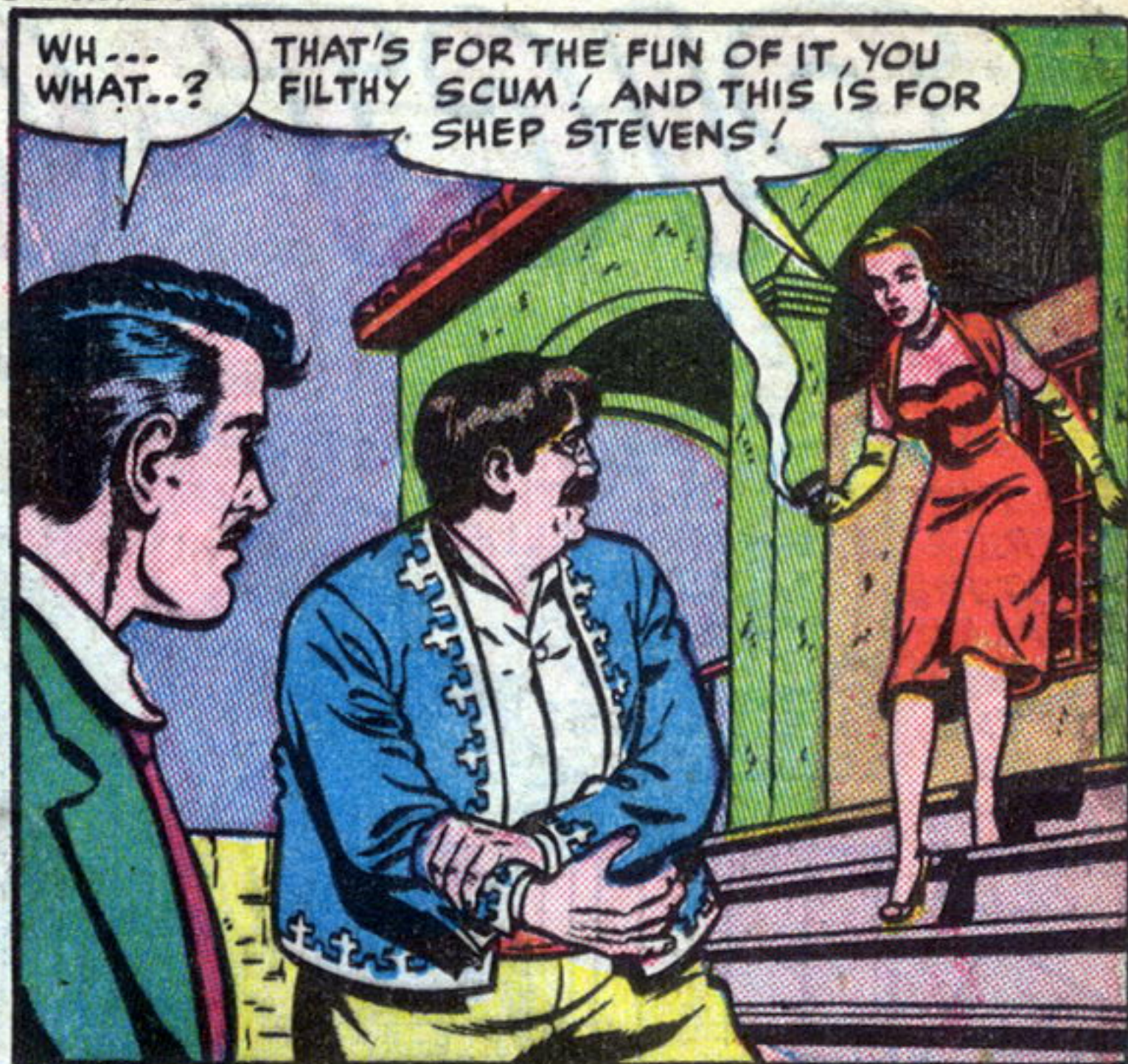
I THINK I'LL ENJOY THE SCENERY BETTER IF I RIDE ALONE!

AT THE SOUND OF THE NEXT MUSICAL NOTE IT WILL BE TIME FOR ME TO TAKE A POWDER!

NOW TO GO BACK AND TALK BUSINESS WITH... HEY!

YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE, TRASK!

POLICE COMICS



The TEN SPOTS YOU PICK UP ON THE WEST COAST THESE DAYS ARE THE REAL MCCOY! SO WAS THE BREAK I GAVE NEVA! SHE'S WORKING AS A WAITRESS IN KANSAS CITY NOW! AND IF I'M EVER UP THAT WAY, I'LL BE TRACKING DOWN THE SCENT OF VIOLET COLOGNE!

PICT-O-CRIME

THE CRIME WAS MURDER! YET THE MOST LOGICAL SUSPECT HAD A PERFECT ALIBI! BUT IT PROVED TO BE A PERFECT CLUE TOO! CAN YOU SPOT IT?

IN THE OFFICE OF STUDS PLACER, OWNER OF THE ACE HIGH NIGHT CLUB...

THE BULLET IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD SPELLS MURDER! BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE CLUE!

THE WATCH?

YES, BUT THAT'S ALL! IT BROKE AND STOPPED AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, WHICH MARKS THE TIME OF THE MURDER!

DO YOU THINK MIKE SKELLY COULD HAVE DONE IT, DETECTIVE SYKES? HE'S THREATENED TO GET RID OF PLACER FOR OPENING THE ACE HIGH CLUB AND STEALING BUSINESS FROM THE JACKPOT!

IT DOESN'T SEEM VERY LIKELY THAT SKELLY WOULD KILL PLACER AFTER ALL THE INCRIMINATING STATEMENTS HE MADE! BUT I'LL TALK TO HIM ANYWAY!

YEAH! SINCE THEY WERE IN THE SAME RACKET, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT! WE KNOW THEY HAD GAMBLING GOING ON IN THEIR CLUBS EVEN THOUGH WE COULDN'T PROVE IT!

HEADQUARTERS? PICK UP MIKE SKELLY, OWNER OF THE JACKPOT CLUB AND BRING HIM TO THE ACE HIGH! STUDS PLACER HAS BEEN MURDERED!

SKELLY IS THE MOST LOGICAL SUSPECT, BUT HIS KNOWING THAT SHOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM FROM COMMITTING THE CRIME!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

I'M SORRY OR RATHER I'M NOT SORRY THAT STUDS GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO HIM, SYKES! BUT YOU CAN'T PIN ANYTHING ON ME! I WAS AT MY CLUB AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER, EIGHT O'CLOCK!

THAT STATEMENT PROVES THAT YOU'RE GUILTY, SKELLY!

THAT'S SILLY! LOOK! I CAN'T WASTE MY TIME HERE! I'VE GOT A BUSINESS TO LOOK AFTER!

GRAB HIM, MEN! HE'S THE KILLER BY HIS OWN ADMISION!

What DID MIKE SKELLY SAY THAT GAVE HIM AWAY? WHAT CLUE DID DETECTIVE SYKES SPOT? CAN YOU FIGURE IT OUT? TURN TO NEXT PAGE FOR ANSWER!

MURDER TRAP

THE corpse lay on the floor and it wasn't a pretty sight. Inspector Swenson and Detective Blair of Homicide stood looking. The victim had been shot through the right eye at close range and death had been instantaneous. There were no signs of violence in the well-kept study. The victim was Rutherford G. Laine, a retired financier and millionaire.

"Blair," said Swenson, "looks like we have a real case on our hands. We haven't a clue, just a corpse. It looks as if someone walked in, shot the old man and then vanished into thin air. There isn't even an ejected cartridge shell, so the killer must have used a revolver. No sign of struggle, so it must have been someone who was known to the victim. Death must have come as a complete surprise."

"Yeah, Chief," answered Blair. "We sure don't have much to work on. Maybe we oughta question the butler again. Maybe we missed something."

"Okay," answered Swenson, "only this time I'm pretty sure the butler isn't guilty. Nevers has been with the old man too long to pull a phony. He couldn't even expect to inherit anything because Laine had already set up an annuity for him."

Blair pushed the call buzzer on the desk and within a few seconds Nevers, the butler, entered the room. He was a dignified, gray haired man, past sixty. His face was stricken with grief.

"You rang, sir?" he queried of Swenson.

"Yes," Swenson answered. "I want you to tell us your story again."

"Gentlemen," he quavered, "I'm afraid there isn't much I can tell you. I was in my room when I heard the shot fired. I rushed down here and found Mr. Laine lying there just as you see him now. I felt for his pulse and I knew he was dead. Then I immediately called the police."

"Did you see or hear anyone after the shot was fired?" asked Swenson.

"No sir," Nevers replied. "There was just the shot and then stillness. You see, sir, Mr. Laine and I lived here alone."

"Have there been any strangers around?" asked Swenson. "Any guests?"

"Mr. Laine didn't like visitors, sir," answered Nevers. "The only one who ever visited him was his nephew Leon Stark. He is a young electronic engineer and inventor. But he hadn't been here for some time, since he quarrelled with his uncle. Leon was angry because Mr. Laine refused to finance the research on a new invention. I was quite surprised when he called this afternoon. However, he didn't see his uncle. Waited for him in the study for about an hour and then left, saying he couldn't wait."

"I believe you told us before," said Swenson, "that the shot was fired at exactly ten o'clock. How can you be sure about that?"

"Mr. Laine was a very methodical man," explained Nevers. "He was also very frugal. Each night at ten he would turn down the thermostat on the automatic heating plant." Nevers pointed to the thermostat on the wall of the study. "Then he would retire. I always waited until I heard the door of his study close, then I would come down and lock up the house. I was listening for that when the shot was fired."

Swenson turned to Blair. "I may have an idea," he mused. "The body of the victim is quite close to the wall and facing the thermostat. And the killer couldn't have stood between him and the thermostat and fired because there isn't enough room. So—"

Blair looked puzzled as Swenson bent over the corpse again, then walked to the thermostat and examined it carefully, and then walked to the phone and called headquarters.

"Pick up Leon Stark," he ordered, "on a charge of murder." Blair gaped.

"But, Inspector," he sputtered, "he wasn't here at the time of the murder."

"He didn't have to be," grinned Swenson. "Look at this thermostat. It isn't what it seems to be. That small hole just below the dial is the barrel of a small concealed pistol, set off by electrical contact. Leon Stark is a very smart engineer. He also probably knew that his uncle set that thermostat every night. Tonight, when Mr. Laine went to turn it down, he set off this little electronically controlled murder weapon."

Blair stared. He said, "Well, I'll be darned. Stark's visit here this afternoon was just to install this thing, huh?"

"I'd bet my bottom dollar on it," nodded Swenson. Then turning to Nevers he asked, "Sounds reasonable, doesn't it?"

"All I can say, sir," replied the butler humbly, "is that Mr. Stark knows a lot about electricity."

"And he's going to get a little more of it than he can take," concluded Swenson, "when he sits in the electric chair."

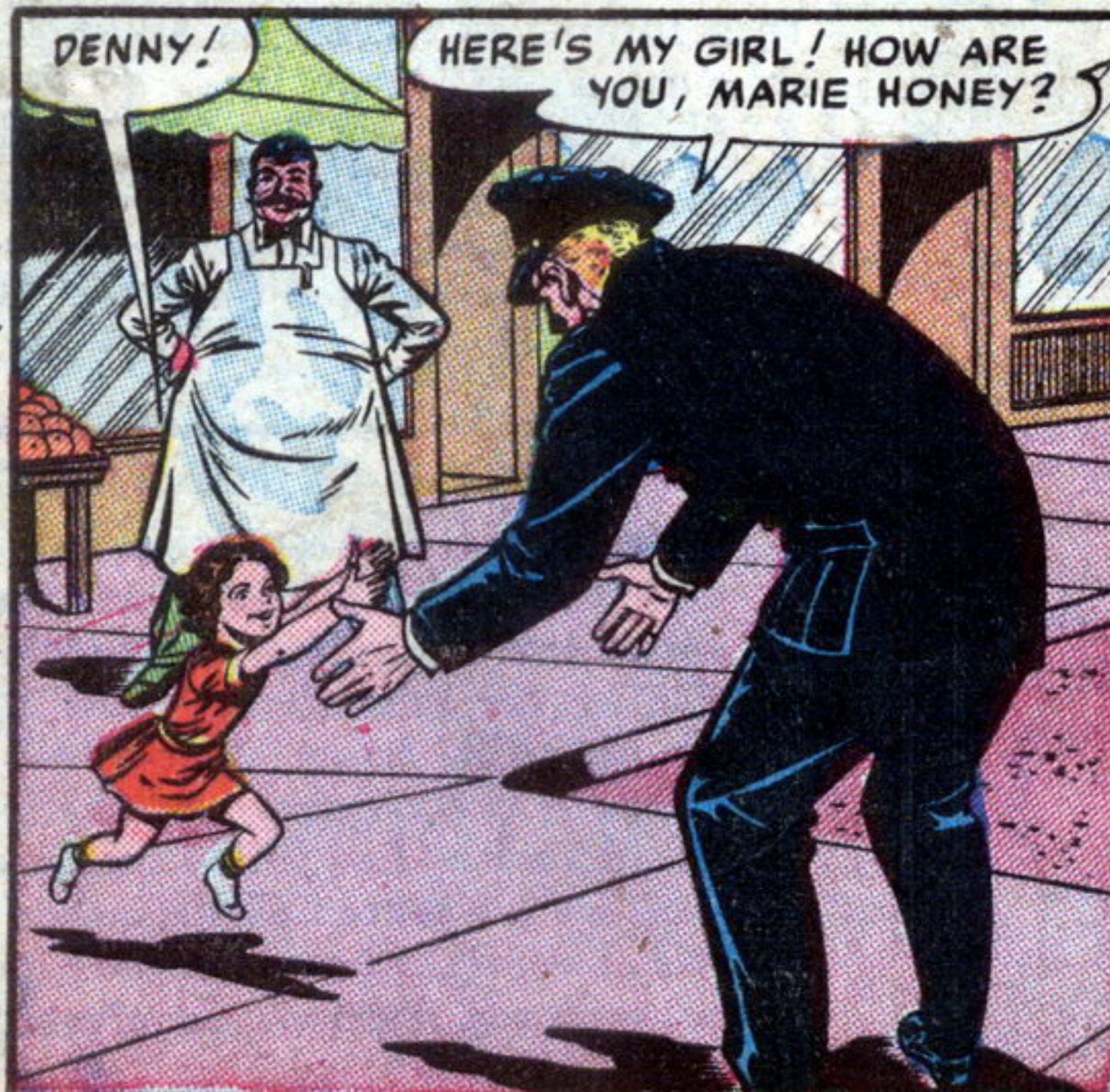
PICT-O-CRIME SOLUTION

Only Detective Alan Sykes and the cop who was with him knew that Studs Placer's watch had stopped at eight o'clock! By mentioning the exact hour, Mike Skelly admitted his guilt! Later, the coroner set the time of death at six-thirty and Skelly finally confessed that he had killed Placer at that time, then set the watch and smashed the crystal! His alibi might have cleared him except that he was too anxious to clear himself and spoke too soon!

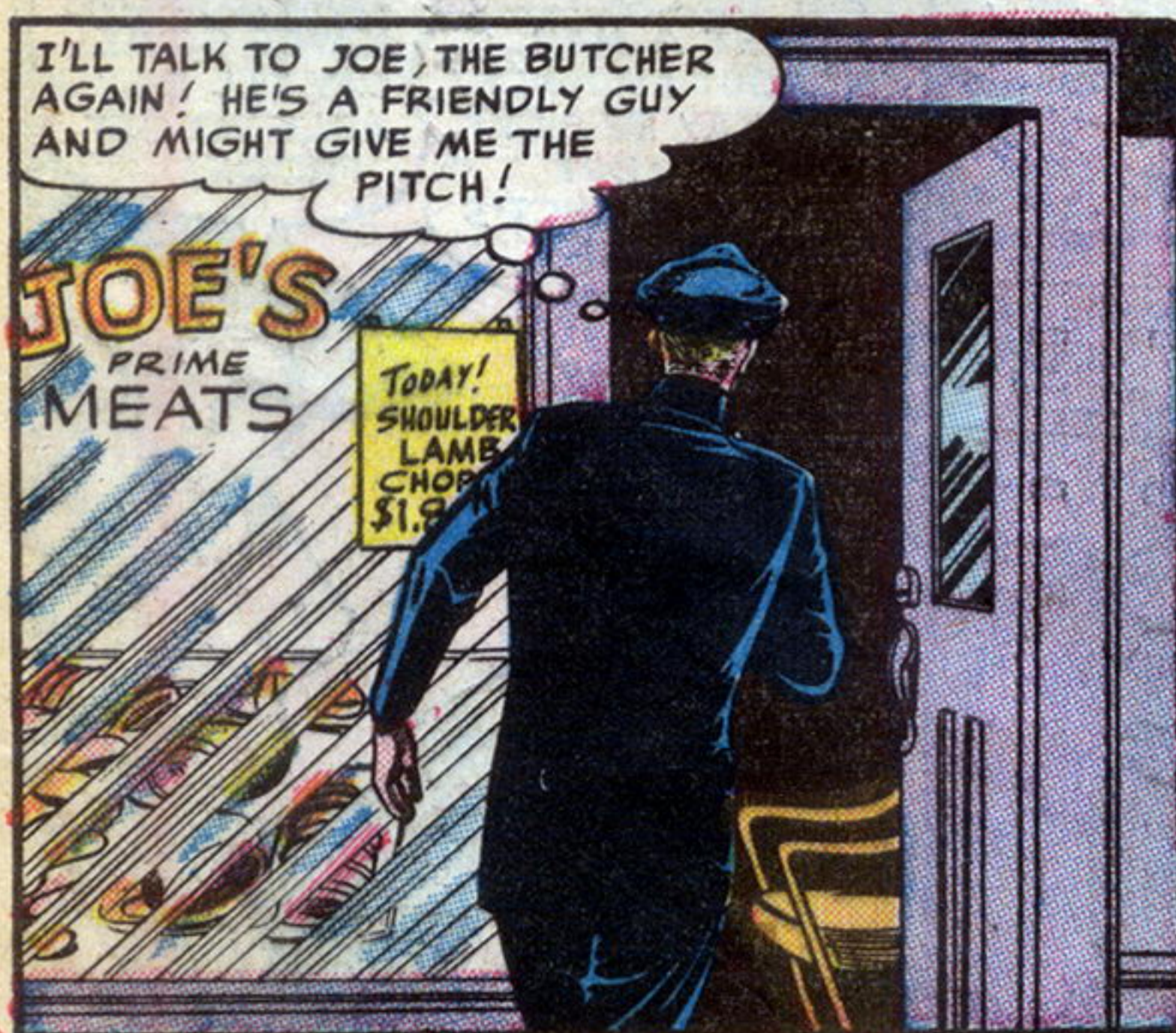
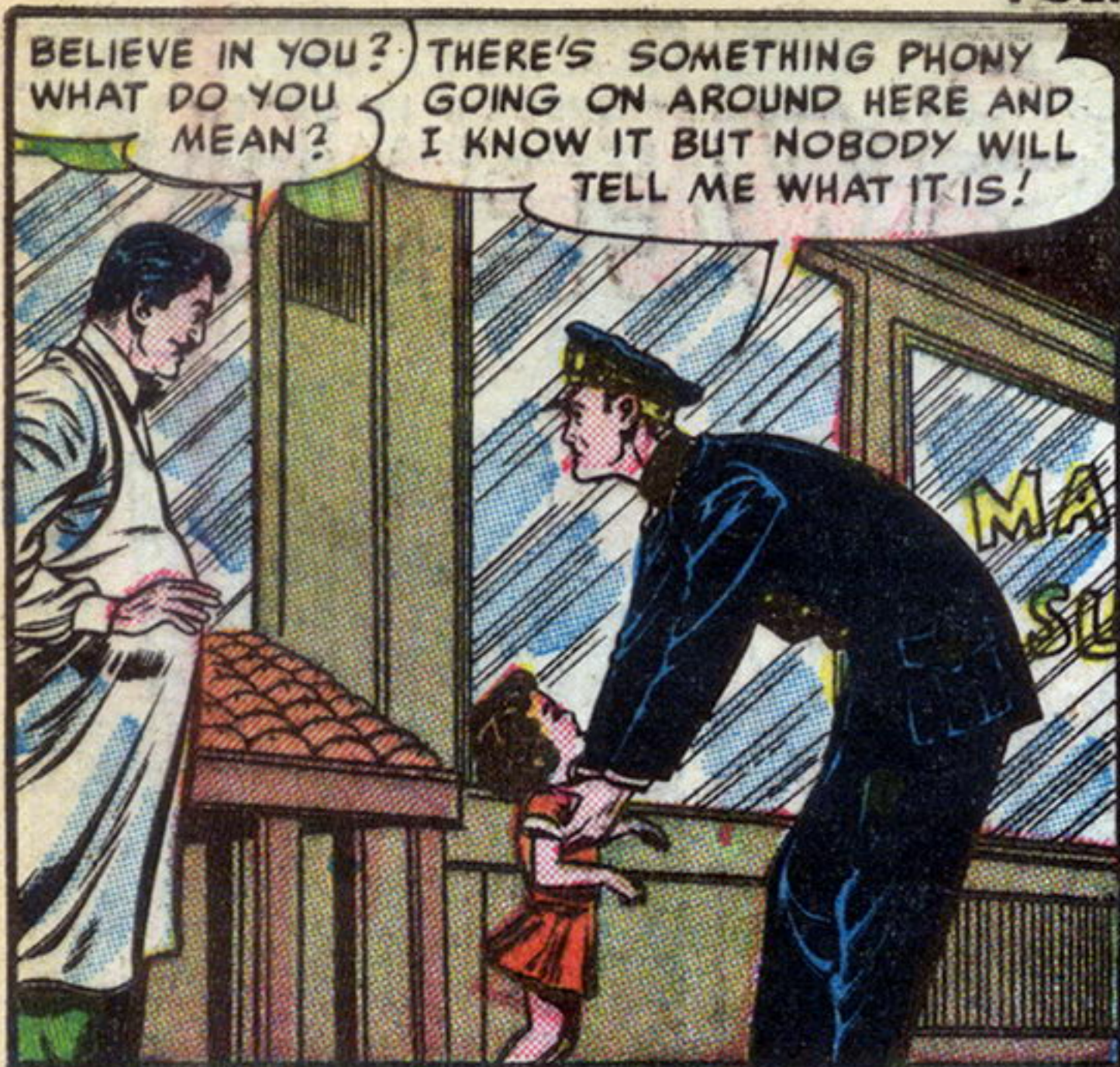
TONY TELLS IT TO SWEENEY



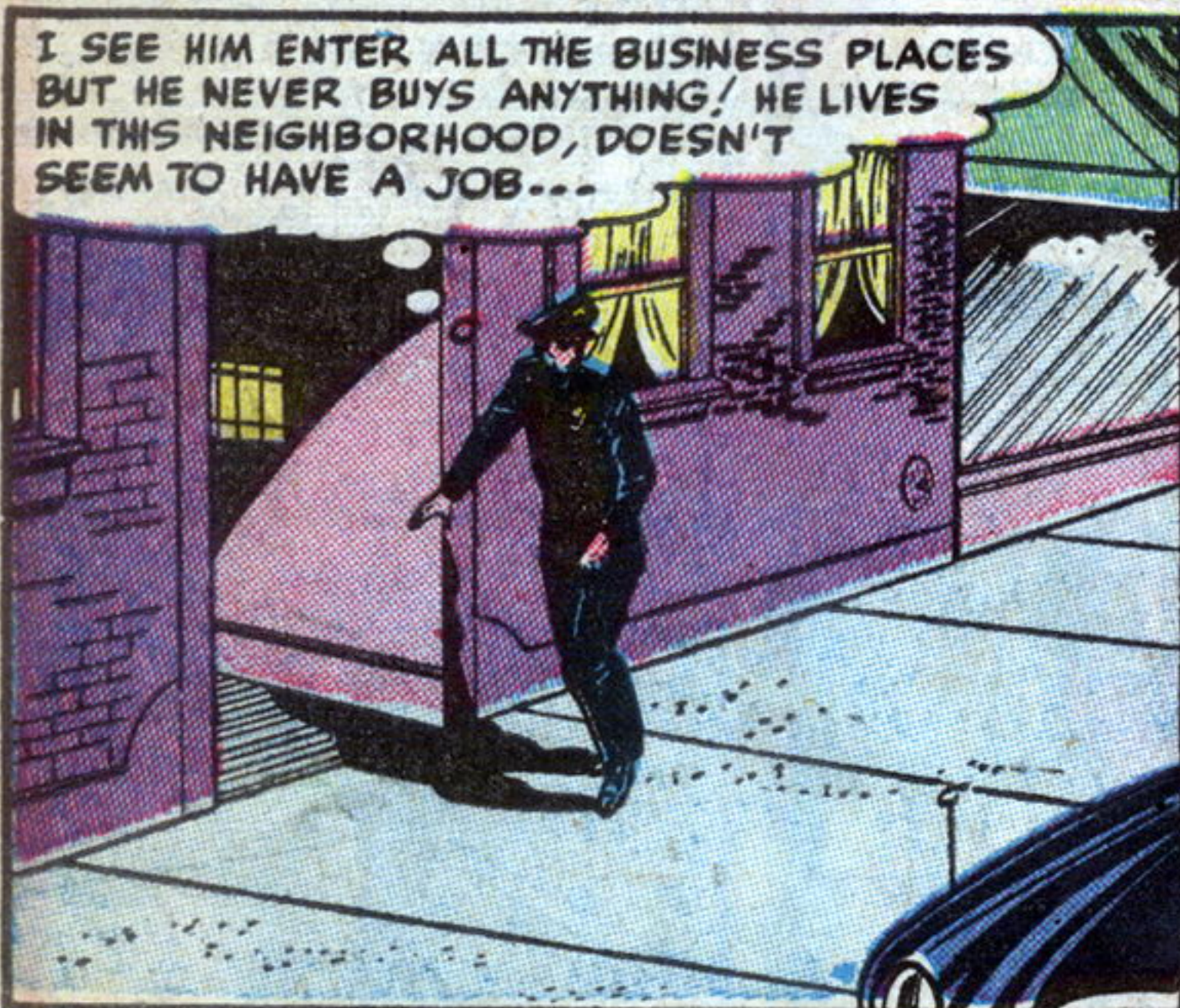
DENNY BEGAN HIS BEAT WITHOUT POLICE EXPERIENCE! BUT HE HAD OTHER THINGS TO HIS CREDIT! A KEEN IRISH INTUITION, A DEEP BELIEF IN JUSTICE, AND A LOVE OF PEOPLE!



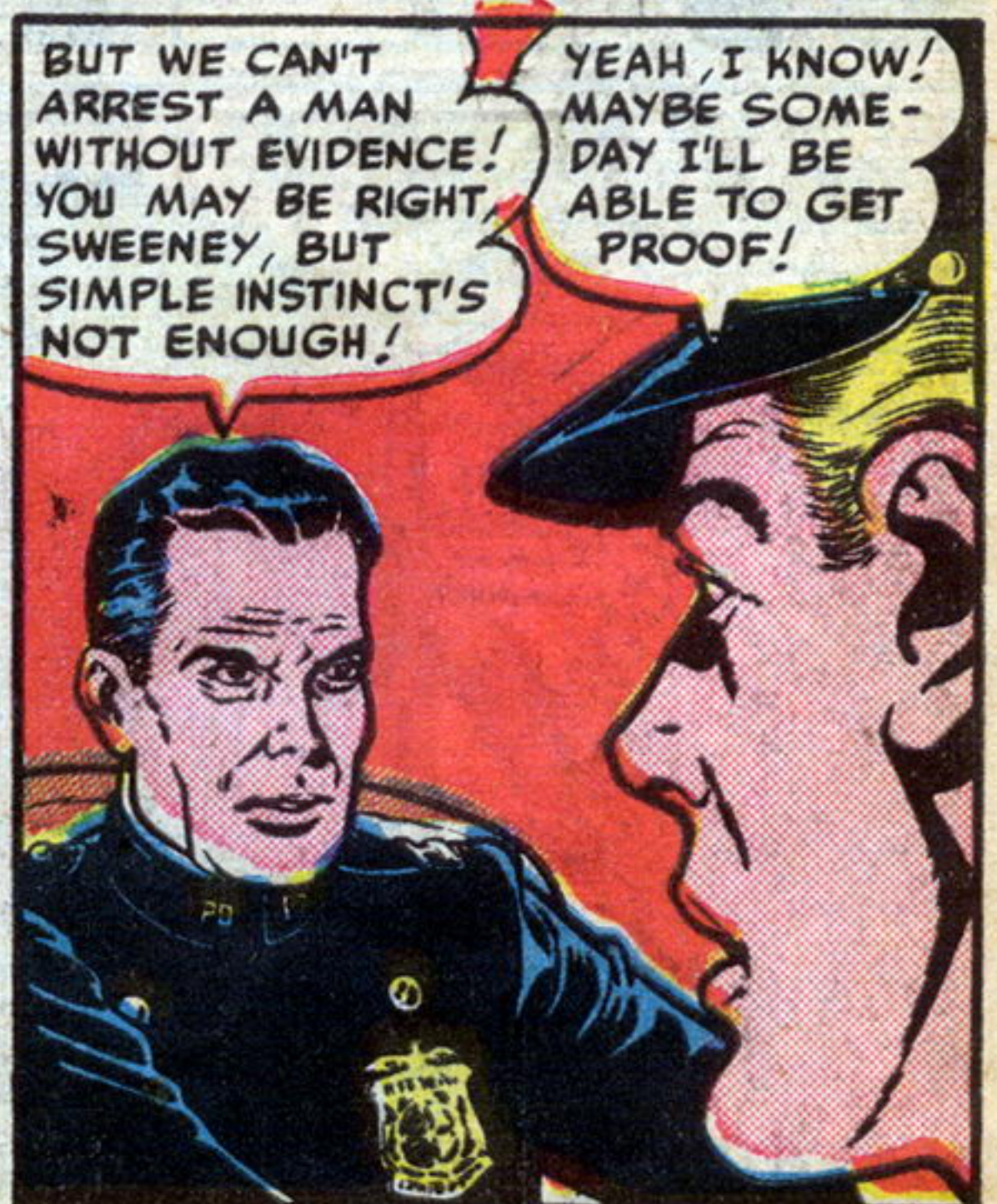
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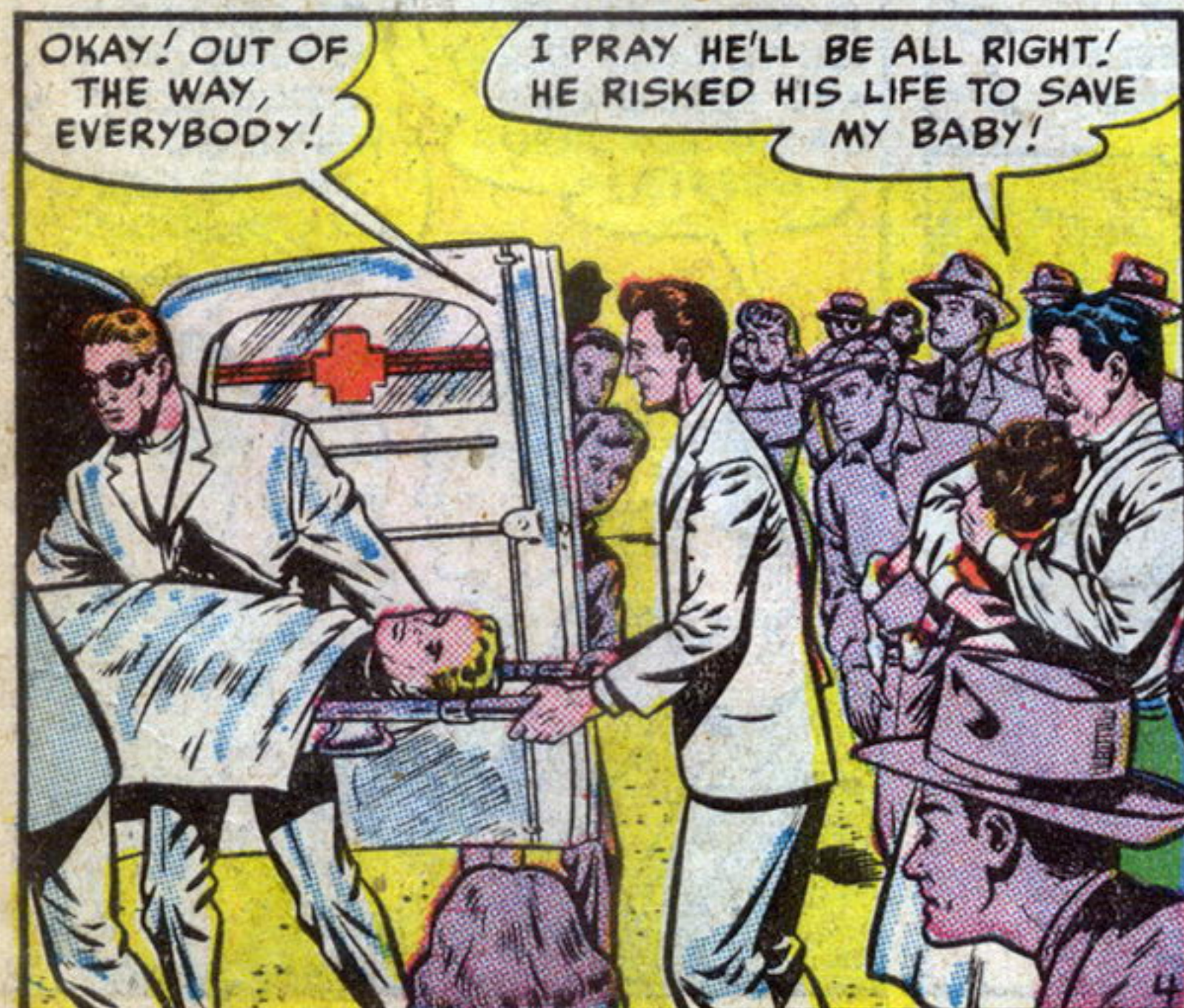
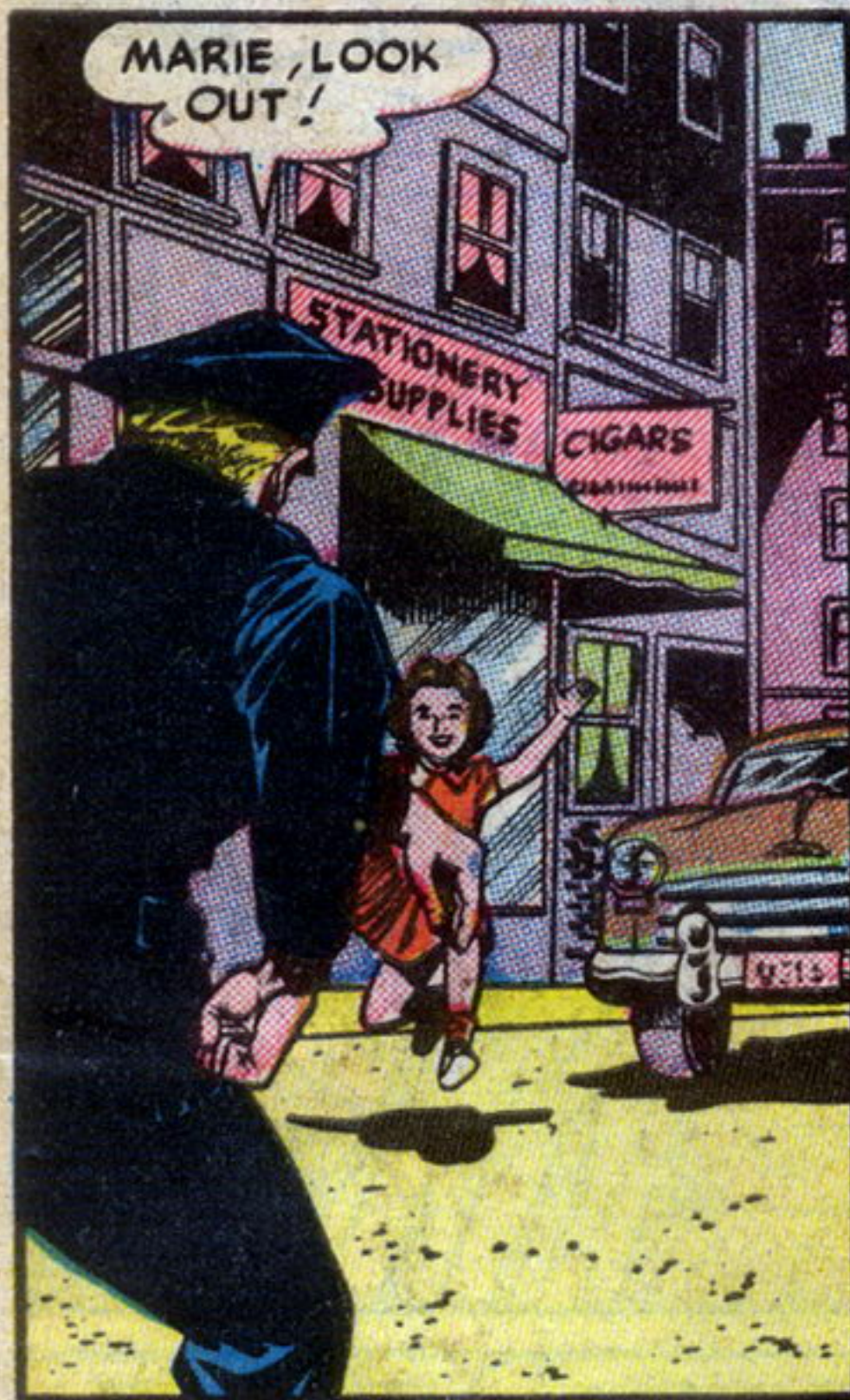
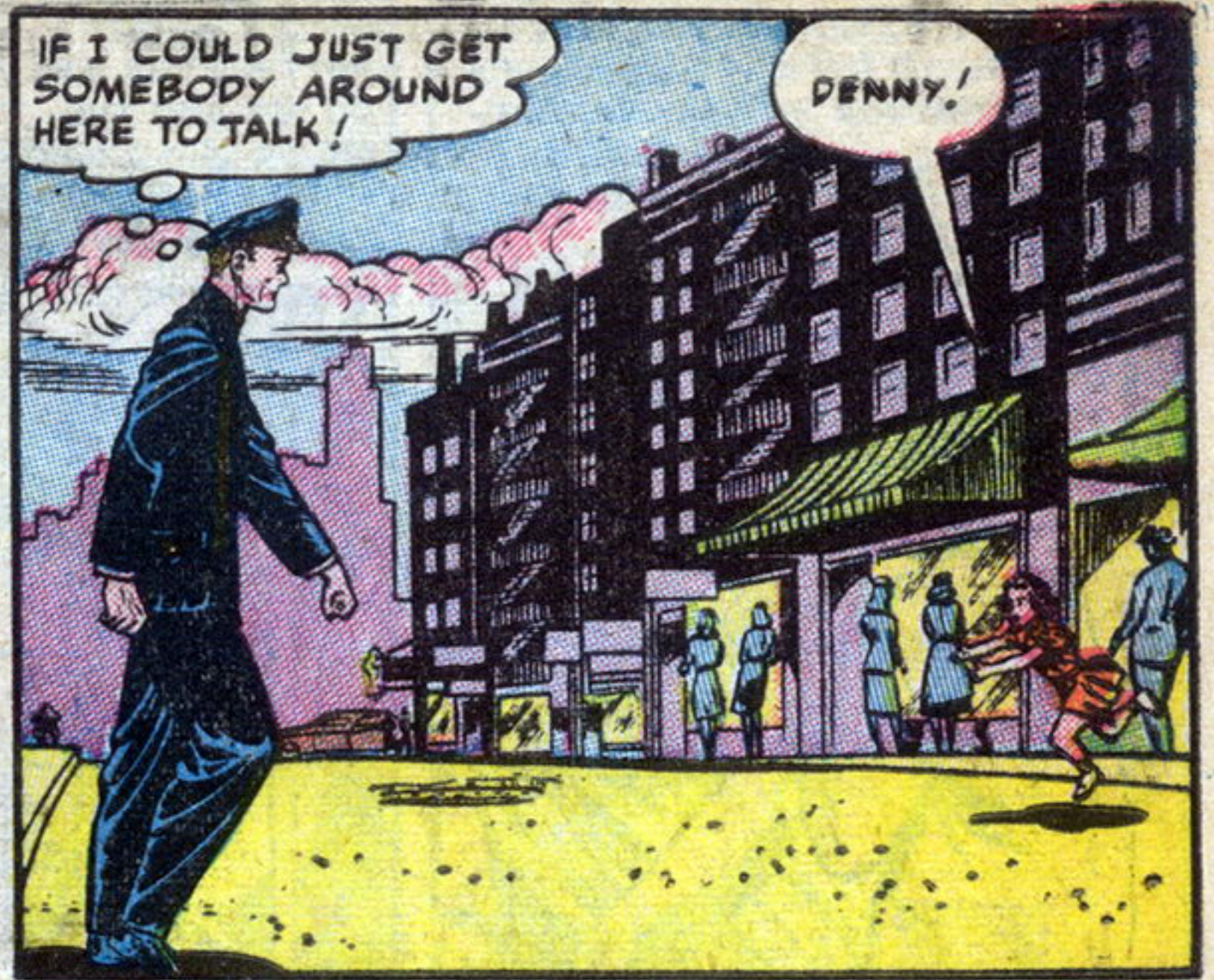
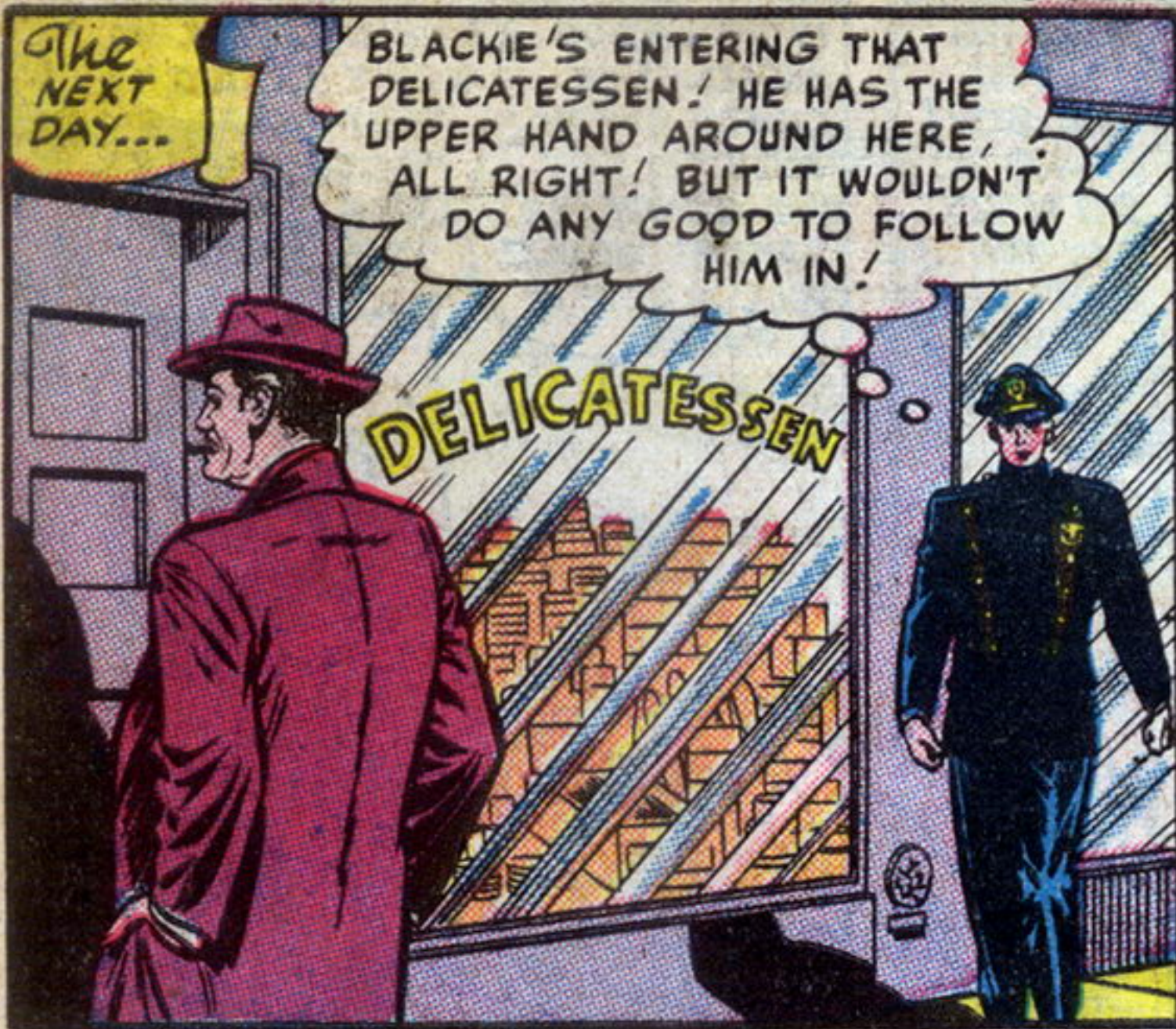
POLICE COMICS



IT SUDDENLY SEEMED PRETTY CLEAR IN DENNY SWEENEY'S MIND THAT BLACKIE BARLOW WAS THE COLLECTOR WHO WAS DRAINING THE BUSINESS MEN ON BEEKER STREET OF THEIR PROFITS! AFTER HE WAS OFF DUTY, DENNY WENT TO SEE THE POLICE CAPTAIN!



POLICE COMICS



POLICE COMICS

WHAT CAN I EVER SAY OR DO TO REPAY YOU FOR SAVING MY LITTLE MARIE?

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT, TONY! YOU CAN TALK!

WHO'S BEEN PUTTING THE BEE ON YOU AND THE OTHER GUYS, TONY? WHO'S COLLECTING THE RAKE-OFF?

I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOW, BOY! I HAVE TO DO IT TO PAY MY DEBT TO YOU!

IT'S BLACKIE BARLOW! HE COMES EVERY WEEK TO GET HIS MONEY! HE SAID HE WOULD KILL MARIE IF I EVER TALKED!

DON'T WORRY, HE WON'T! I'LL SEE THAT MARIE'S PROTECTED! I LOVE HER, TOO, YOU KNOW!

IF YOU HADN'T, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE HER! THAT'S WHY I HAD TO TELL!

YOU WON'T BE SORRY, TONY! THANKS! THANKS FOR DOING ME A GREAT FAVOR!

NOW I'LL CALL AND TELL THE CHIEF THAT YOU'LL TESTIFY AGAINST BLACKIE! AND DON'T WORRY, TONY! THIS IS A DEMOCRACY! YOU'LL BE PROTECTED!

TONY'S TESTIMONY WAS ENOUGH TO CONVICT BLACKIE BARLOW! THE MERCHANTS WHO HAD BEEN AFRAID TO TALK TO THE POLICE WERE FREE AGAIN! AND ON BEEKER STREET, DENNY SWEENEY WAS A HERO!

DENNY, YOU DID US ALL A BIG FAVOR!

YOU DID THE MOST, TONY! YOU SUPPLIED THE TESTIMONY WE NEEDED TO ARREST BLACKIE!

Welcome Back Denny Sweeney

WE'VE PLANNED A BLOCK PARTY FOR YOU TONIGHT, DENNY! AND HERE'S ONE OF THE HONORED GUESTS!

I'M GLAD TO CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF A GOOD COP! YOU'LL GO FAR, FELLA! CONGRATULATIONS!

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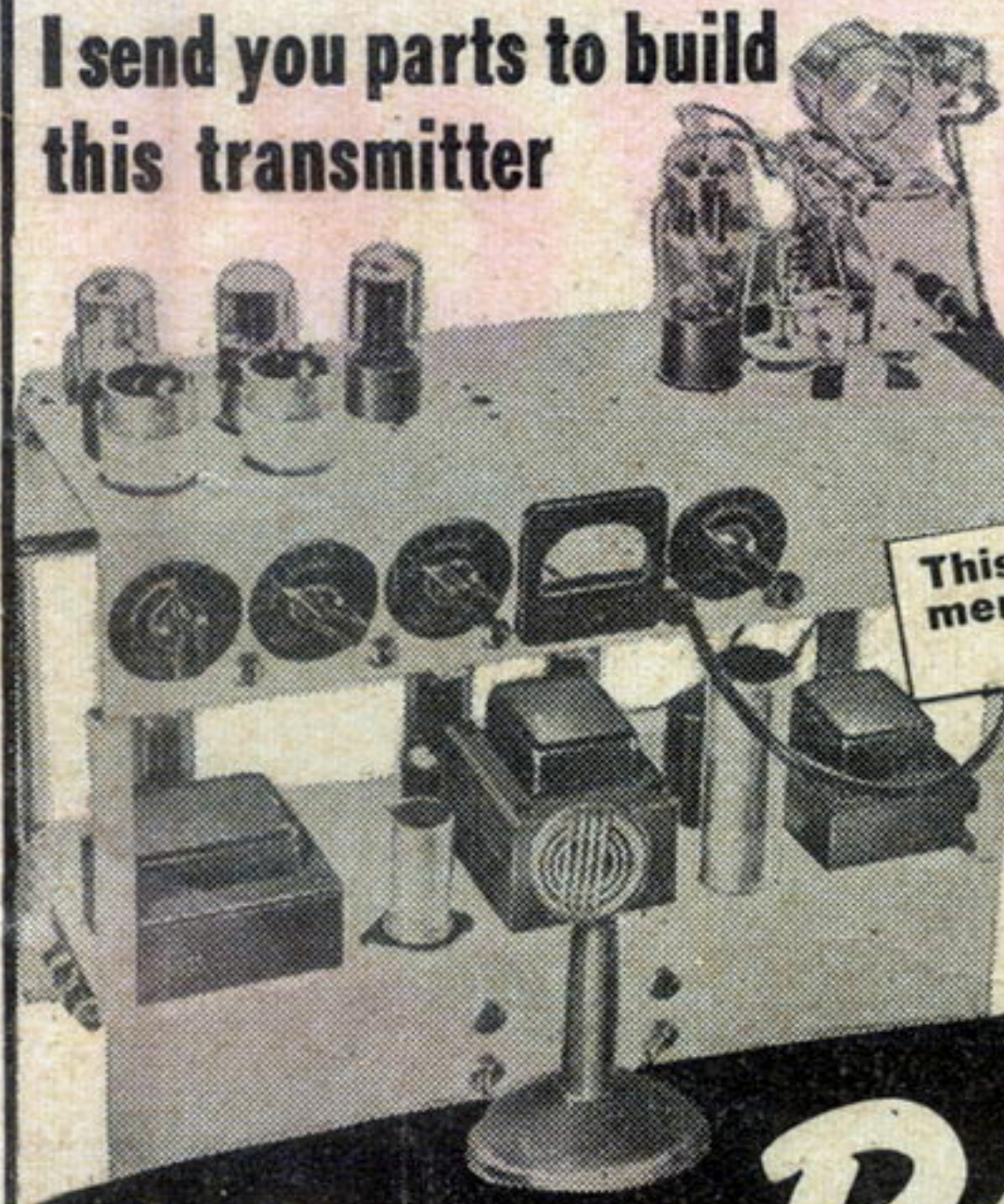
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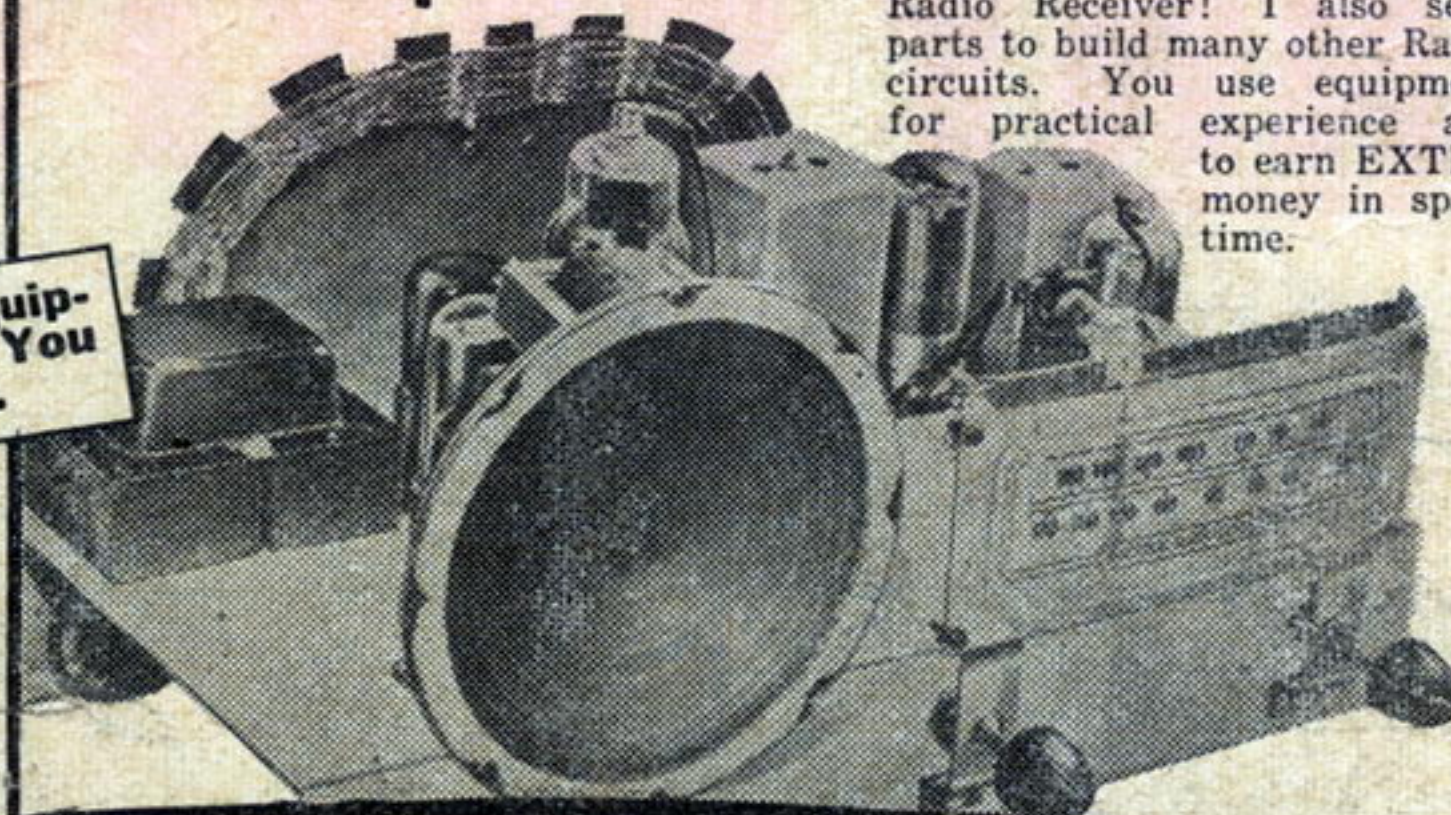
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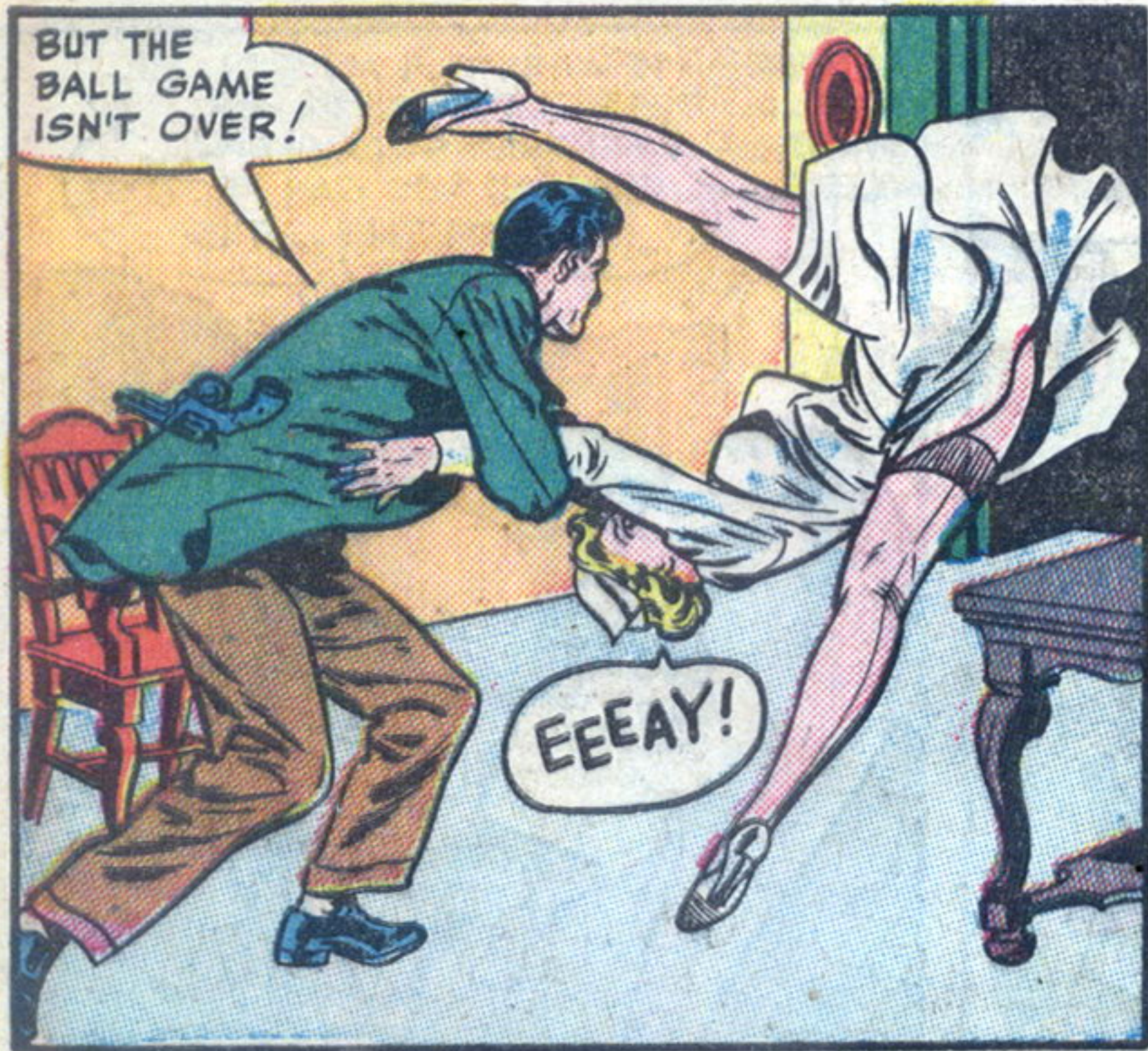
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